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I'm not a racetrack character, nor am I fronting for anybody. Instead of a yacht, sports car and six figure bank account as system writers boast, I drive an ordinary klunker and live in a modest apt. (my family says it's too modest). But I have plenty of leisure and a local rep as a studious neighbor who burns the midnight oil. I was always fascinated by serious research on old Racing Forms to see what I could come up with . . . well, after many disappointments, I finally found the pot of gold.

I've hit onto something so royally big that I feel like the Chinese with a tiger by the tail, and it's driving me nuts! I went into a spin and ordered a whole stack of back issue Racing Forms, and I found a winning secret that WORKS, period. I can't express the joy of this achievement, nor the sense of power or well being—I feel SECURE.

If I didn't expect a nice pension—I plan to pull a slow one and live to 100, didn't enjoy my job, didn't have ample leisure, if my family wouldn't give me a hard time, if I weren't so darn timid, if my religious parents weren't so anti-gambling, I'd follow the sun from track to track. I've figured I can win over $11,000 a year on $20 bets, and that's more than I earn. What to do? What to do?

I need advice. How can I convince people? I've got the races beat out of the frame and I just can't keep it to myself or I'll burst at the seams!

Maybe I shouldn't bring this up, as I have no proof and won't mention names. But something is odd—these horses are winning when they "shouldn't." If I've cracked a code involving track management, publishers or horsemen, or any related combination thereof, I'm ecstatic. If some group is making money on these winners, well—

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| Bowie | Mar. 24 to April 10, 1971 | $930 | (15 days) |
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I can just hardly believe it! Thanks to you I can win at the races!—*C.M., Seattle*

At Golden Gate here from Feb. 16th opening day to March 24th the system showed a *net* profit of $1728 on a $20 flat win bet. A $10 win $10 place bet showed $1257 net profit. From March 24th to present—the overall profit has decreased to $1200 flat win ($20).—*B.S., El Cerrito, Calif.*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Everything you said is true. You have come up with the best system ever. I've tried to strengthen it, break it, refine it but I simply cannot come up with any way to improve on it. My success has been at the Liberty Bell and even when I wasn't at the track I figured the races and your method proved itself time and time again.—*D. F., West Chester, Pa.*

I am the owner of many racing systems, all which are very good. When I received the system which I ordered from you I tried the system, I checked and rechecked it, and I can truthfully say that it is one of the best systems I own. —*F. W., South English, Iowa*

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Incidentally, I find that the system's choice comes in 2nd often enough that it pays to bet both win and place. In fact winnings as far as I've gone are just about double by betting both. Thanks for being one honest solicitor.—*B. P., Gila Bend, Ariz.*

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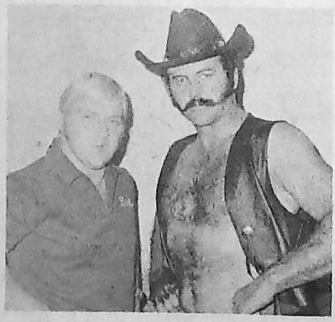

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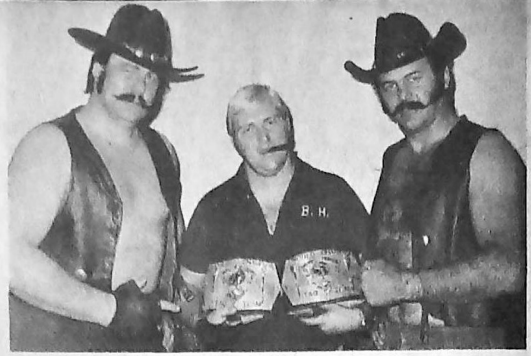
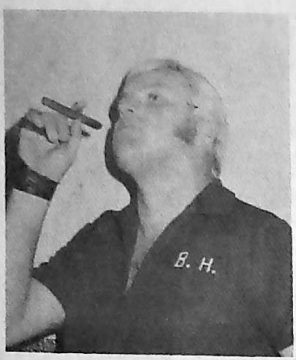
# THE MANAGER'S CORNER!...

By PRETTY BOY BOBBY HEENAN




Bobby Heenan looks very successful when he stands with his Black Jacks, but when he tries to go into the ring on his own sometimes he doesn't look as well.



Now, let's get one thing straight. My name is not and never will be Bobby Heenan. If you are going to say my name, say it right or I won't give you the privilege of saying it at all. The name is Pretty Boy Bobby Heenan.

I have done this column once before, told the people the true facts, and by popular demand, I have consented to giving all you fans another display of what a true journalist is. Now I read these columns by Gentleman Saul, Slim Jim Cannon, Jim Garvin, and the Ungrand Wizard. All these men tell lies. They pay this magazine to print lies about their so-called proteges, these men who couldn't wrestle their way out of a rocking chair. That is why this magazine has had millions of letters asking for me, Pretty Boy Bobby Heenan, to tell then the truth.

Now normally I wouldn't do such a thing. This issue should be raised in price to $2.00 for my work. But being the gentleman that I am, I give you people out there a little of my valuable knowlege.

Since my last writing, I have used a little of my overwhelming brainpower, and have put together the greatest tag team in the history of the sport. Since my man Lanza has been traveling the globe for the past five years, he has conquered every wrestling ring throughout the world. He has demolished every opponet to come forward, making him the only undefeated man in wrestling.

Then a few months back, I recieved a wire from some Puerto Rican calling himself the champion in the East, begging me to take Black Jack Mulligan out of the East because he was afraid he would take his title away from him. So, since it was be-kind-to-Puerto Ricans week, I negotiated with Mulligan, and decided to put him together with my man Lanza, to form the Greatest Tag Team ever. And thus I did.

Currently and hereafter, The Blackjacks hold the World Tag Team crowns, and have yet to come up against any worthy competition. We have wrestled Snyder and Christy, Bruiser and Thomas, and other such unworthy garbage. The Blackjacks enter the ring, and merely toy with these fools until they come begging on theor hands and knees to me, asking to be forgiven for stepping into the same ring with my boys.

But some just don't know when to give up. Like this janitor, this mental Sailor who was thrown out of the Navy for being diseased along with his town drunk partner, this Dick the Bruiser, who should be reading retirement pamphlets by now. Well, they have come crying to the promoter, week after week, begging for another match with my boys, after we have defeated them fair and square. And how the promoter can't stand to see two babies cry, he has the audacity to put these two trash refugees into the same ring, with such class as Lanza, Mulligan and myself. And week after week, we beat them in the center of the ring, punish them till they haven't strength enough to even play with, and yet they still come back for more.

And tricks, well, they have more than a novelty store. They have tried

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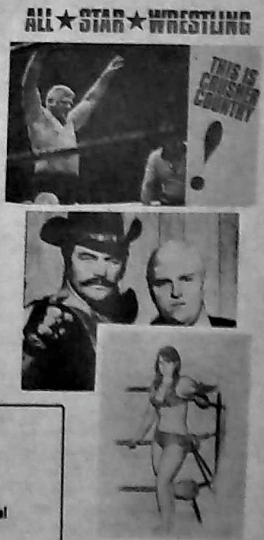

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# READERS' pros and cons

### HOSS STRICKLAND IS TRULY ONE OF THE BEST!

Sirs:

In a recent issue of Wrestling Revue you had a letter from a lady in South Carolina, praising Carolina Champion Hoss Strickland. Well sirs, she is right. Strickland is truly a great champion who wrestling can be proud of. Also in the area are great stars like Dale Starr, Buck Forest, Joe Wilson, and a referee by the name of Charlie Babb who is just great. The wrestling game needs more wrestlers like these. Please include stories on some of them.

Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Ballet
Kingsport, Tennessee

*Editors Note: Hoss Strickland is one of the wrestlers currently appearing on the promotions of George Becker. See our photo feature on page 24 of this magazine.*

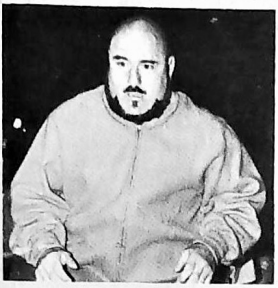
### AMATEUR EXPERIENCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR A GREAT PROFESSIONAL

Sirs:

I have read your column for sometime now, and in the past few months, the majority of the columns have been filled with fans expressing who they thought was the REAL N.W.A. wrestling champion. Frankly I think every champion has been a good one, but I will have to agree that I could certainly think of many who were better. Can anyone besides Verne Gagne boost a record of great amateur status, who currently holds a World Title? Of course not, only he can boost such a fine record with NAAU and NCAA titles to his credit. Dory Funk Jr. was a fine football player, but mind you I said football player, not a wrestler. Sure he's got a father who was a veteran wrestler, but you can't beat that ever-important amateur background. It's so vital to be a successful and truly great professional.

There are only about eight professional wrestlers who can boost any noticable amateur awards. They are, in order of excellence: 1. Danny Hodge, 2. Dale Lewis, 3. Mr. Wrestling, 4. Verne Gagne, 5. Joe Scarpello, 6. Jack Brisco, 7. Bob Roop, 8. Pat Kelly.

Amateur experience is of the essence when becoming a professional athlere. Of the eight wrestlers, Mr.



*Don't forget about Mad Dog Vachon.*

Wrestling has wrestled the longest as an amateur with Dale Lewis only a year behind Wrestling wrestled in four different weight classes, winning state or national honors in all of them. He, Lewis and Roop are the only ones to represent the U.S. in Olympics, and Lewis is the only one to win a gold medal in the Pan American games. Hodge wrestled in the 177-174-pound classes and was never defeated. What a grappler! He won two NCAA titles with a three-quarter nelson as a submission hold in which the referee had to break in order to keep his opponet from being injured. My feelings are, THESE ARE AMERICA'S GREATEST!!

Christine Copelen
Alachua, Florida

*Editors Note: we agree with what you say about amateur experience being so very important. However, we think that there are many more former amateur greats now in professional wrestling. Maybe they didn't all go as far as those you mentionad but many did very well. Two inportant names you missed who did do very well are Lars Anderson, who was an alternate member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic squad, and Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon who repredented Canada in the 1948 Olympics and won top honors wrestling for Canada in the British Empire games in London in 1948 and New Zealand in 1949. Vachon, though he may not always wrestle like an amateur now, was one of the greatest British Empire champions that Canada ever produced.*

### MORE STORIES ON CLEAN WRESTLERS ASKED

Sirs:

I would like to tell you that your magazine is the world's best wrestling magazine. There is only one thing that I don't like. You have too many stories on dirty wrestlers. I would love to read more about clean wrestlers like Ronnie Etchison, Danny Little Bear,

*Danny Little Bear at home.*

Bobby Shane, Steve Bolus, Dory Funk Jr., Tommy Martin, Terry Martin, Rudy Martin, Bobby Paul, The Kozak Brothers, and also sone stories on midget wrestlers like Lord Littlebrook and Wee Willie Wilson.

Mrs. Clarence Newville
Waterloo, Iowa.

### DON'T IGNORE VICTOR RIVERA!

Sirs:

I am writing this letter to say that I think it is about time you do a story on the Puerto Rican wrestler, Victor

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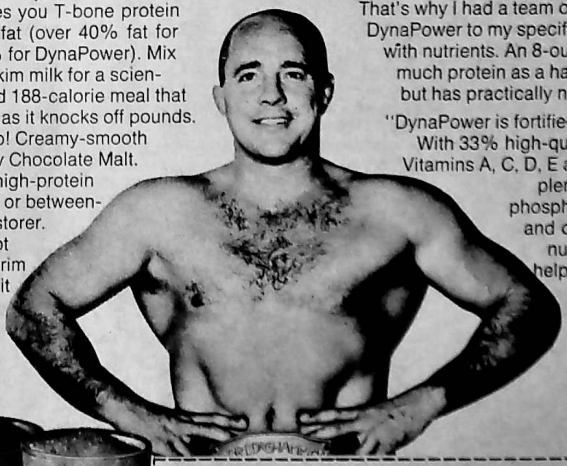

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# EDITORIAL

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

## WHY WRESTLERS DON'T STRIKE

The professional sporting world has been rocked in recent years by strikes, exhorbitant pay demands by athletes, and failing franchises. How has the most popular spectator sport in the world – professional wrestling – avoided these pitfalls?

It all goes back to the promotional setup in professional wrestling. First of all, wrestling is an individual sport. As such, top wrestling stars are able to fly literally around the world and can appear in each and every city. Wrestling promotions never fail, because the promoters can bring in top attractions for the fans. In more structured team sports like baseball, football, and basketball, cities are sometimes saddled with a second rate team and the fans are fed a full schedule of this second rate team throughout the year. If the fans don't support the team, it is yanked out completely. Promoters of those sports buy a franchise and are forced to try a steady diet on a year-long schedule to the fans.

In wrestling it is far different. A promoter can present cards on whatever schedule the fans will support. If the town supports weekly wrestling, fine. If a monthly schedule is better, the promoter has that option.

Wrestling promoters have also solved the problem of excessive guarantees demanded be a few top men, which is one of the factors in the demise of boxing. In wrestling, the athlete is paid based on two things. How high on the card he is and whether he wins or loses. Therefore, a wrestler losing the opener gets the smallest check and a wrestler winning the main event gets the largest. The paychecks are based on a percentage of the amount that the show grosses, so the wrestler makes his own breaks. To get top money he has to win main events. To get main events he has to win his matches with such excitement that fans will demand to see him in the main event. The percentages, being based on the gross of the card, assure the man of recieving what he is really worth. Imagine what would happen if baseball or basketball players were paid on a percentage of how well they drew fans. It would certainly be an incentive to them to do their best. Too often we have seen top athletes receive a large bonus and then flop in professional sports. Everyone wonder why.

The answer is simple. If you pay a basketball player two million dollars just to put on the uniform of your team, how much incentive does he have to do a good job once he starts playing? Not much. In many cases he is too busy contemplating what he is going to do with his bank account to do a good job on the field of play.

The surprising thing is that professional wrestlers are still the highest paid in the world. A wrestler who can go out and win most of his matches and is willing to travel and to wrestle over three hundred times a year can make several hundred thousand dollars a year. And wrestling has more stars who do just that than any other sport.

True, they don't have the retirement benefits and some of the gravy that team sports stars do, and a wrestler must work a much harder schedule than any other athlete to do it, but at least in wrestling your earning power is limited only by what you yourself do. A wrestler can only blame himself if he doesn't win enough matches or attract enough fans in order to make top dollar.

Now I know that there are those among you who doubt the truth of what I say and are resentful of the way I put down athletes in other sports like baseball, hockey, football, and basketball. But, anyone who has followed sportsknows what I say is true.

Let's take a professional baseball team. You take a top team that is leading it's division and has clinched the pennant. What happens? They play out the rest of the schedule, often with major leaguers in the lineup, but the team just goes through the motion and often doesn't care if they win or lose. Why? Once they have clinched the pennant (or playoff position in other sports) there is no incentive to win. The ball games you see at that point in the season are often filled with half-hearted efforts by the players.

Then we come to the World Series (or playoff, or league championship.) You have, as they say, a whole new ballgame. Everyone on every team puts out 110% and then some to win. Why the change? Well, and this is the case in baseball, football, hockey, and basketball, the players in these post-season contest are payed on the basis of how big a crowd they draw and how often they win. That is exactly what basis is used in determining the size of World Series shares, Super Bowl Shares, Stanley Cup shares, and NBA title shares. And if you don't believe that the players try harder in the championship games than they do at any other time in the season you don't know much about sports.

True, ther is the incentive to win to get into the playoffs and also to strengthen your position for next year in negotiations, but how much do those far off goals affect the play of a man who has just received several hundred thousand dollars in bonus money or one who has a no-cut contract? In wrestling you are in the ring battling for your money and battling right now.

A wrestler who experiences instant success, like Vida Blue in baseball, doesn't have to wait years to work his way up to a top salary. An over-the-hill star can't rest on the laurels of past seasons with a minimun cut or a no-cut salary. A wrestler has to perform his best all the time to make his paycheck.

Why is wrestling continuing to increase in popularity everywhere? Why are there no failing franchises in professional wrestling? The reason is simple. The wrestlers are paid what they are worth and at the same time they have the incentive of a world series type payoff with each and every match.

The professional sports world becomes more chaotic every year. Franchises fail and are moved around like musical chairs. Players make more and more demands while owners claim more and more financial trouble. No one seems to have a solution fair to

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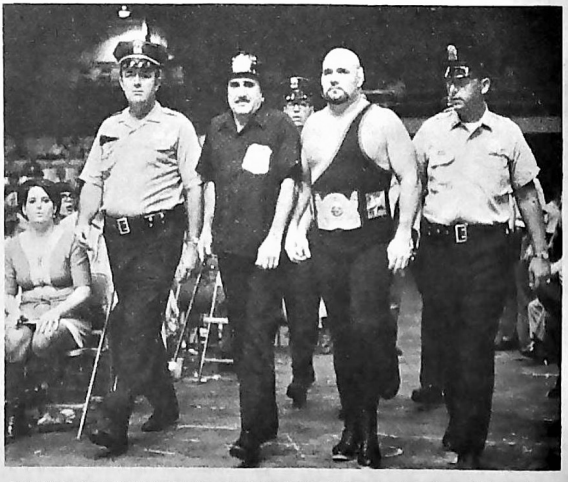
# TWO BALD HEADS AND A HELMET

## *Gentleman Saul Weingeroff and The Von Brauner Brothers And Another Riot Down South.*

Two bald heads and a helmet. The cane the German brothers are using to hold the hard hat also plays an important role in many of their tag matches triumphs.



A police escort is always necessary to bring these wrestlers to and from the dressing room because they are the most hated by the fans.

Jerry Lawler, who also does the monthly Patriot comic strip in Wrestling Monthly, has captured what many feel are the secret innermost feelings of Kurt and Karl von Brauner.

By KIMBERLY THOMAS

The phone rang early one Sunday morning in my home in Nashville, Tennessee, last month. My mother answered it, and called me.

"Kimberly, it's long distance. . .Norman Kietzer, editor of Wrestling Revue. He says he has to speak to you. . .it's important."

I got up and went to the phone.

"Kimberly, what happened last night in Clarksville, Tenn., between the Von Brauner brothers and some soldiers from Fort Campbell," Mr. Kietzer asked me. "It was over the wire service that some people were hospitalized at a wrestling match. They said some soldiers jumped into the ring while the Von Brauner Brothers were wrestling Tojo Yamamoto and Jerry Jarrett. Please find out all you can and send the story to us."

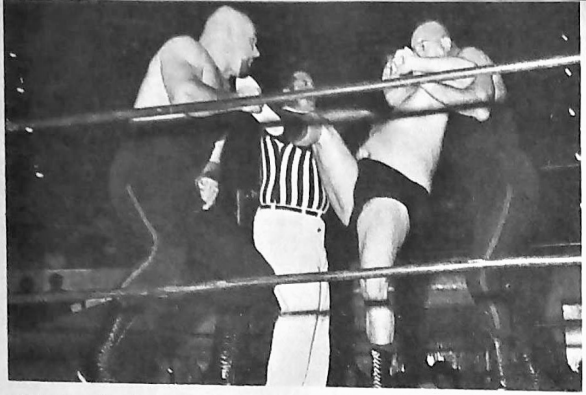
"Norm, I was there last night," I told him. "Clarksville is only 45 minutes from here. I heard that Robert Fuller was going to wrestle and I wanted to see him. He's from Atlnata, and he's very good.

"Anyway, what happened was pretty funny. It didn't start out like that. It looked like a riot for sure, but it ended up very hilarious.

"What started it was Karl Von Brauner using a string around Jerry's

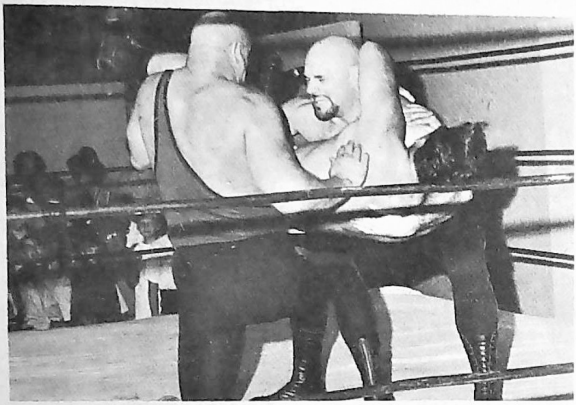
Gentleman Saul with his hand raised in the salute made famous forty years ago in Nazi Germany.

A typical Von Brauner trick is to gang up, two against one on an opponet during a match

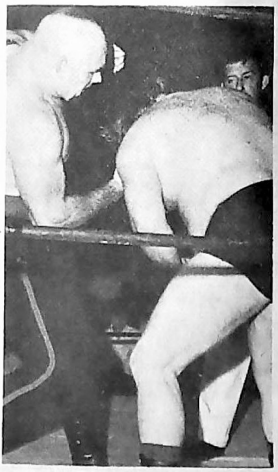


This time double teaming didn't work as Buddy Wayne kicks Karl in the face while Kurt is holding on to Wayne.

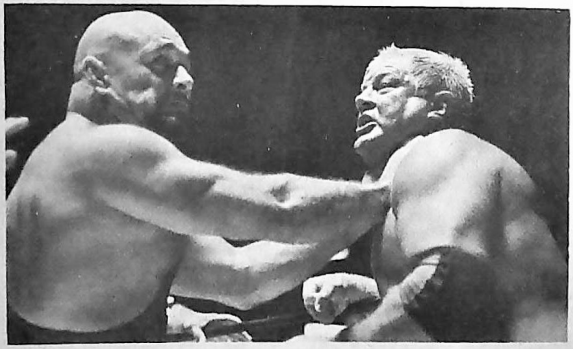
Dennis Hall tries for the abdominal streatch on Kurt in this action in Evansville.



The backbreaker is a painful manouver, but when the two Germans use a double backbreaker with their opponet landing on both their knees at once something has to give, and usually it is the opponet's back.



Karl drives a right to the chin of Buddy Wayne.



Dick the Bruiser is the victim of a choke from Karl von Brauner in this match held in Evansville, Indiana.

neck and choking him with it. One of the soldiers from Fort Campbell got pretty upset about that and he jumped into the ring and on top of Karl's back and tried to put a stranglehold on Karl while Karl was still choking Jerry Jarrett.

"It looked like a mouse on a tiger's back. Well, when Kurt saw what was happening he immediately went to grab the soldier off of Karl's back. Then all hell broke loose. Three other spectators plus some more soldiers jumped into the ring. Then Saul Weingeroff, the manager of the Von Brauners, also came into the ring, because I guess he figured four against two was too much odds.

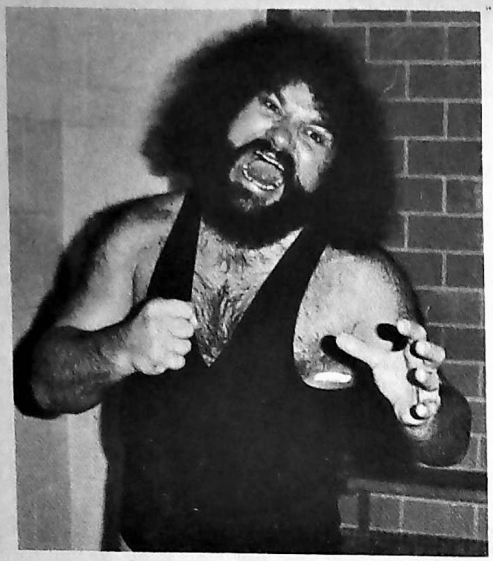
"To make a long story short, it was all over in about five minutes. Two spectators and one soldier were standing in the ring completely naked. All they had on was their shoes and socks. But all the men who jumped into the ring were busted up – one with a broken arm, others with teeth knocked out and busted eyes. The match was stopped, of course, because of all the outside interfernece. But next week there will be a re-match with a bull wire around the ring and more police.

"That goes to show you Norm, that everything you hear about the Von Brauners and Saul Weingeroff is true. People don't like their style of wrestling, but they keep packing them in wherever they go. Deep down, the fans like it rough, I guess."

"Kimberly, while we're talking here, get me a story on Jerry Jarrett and Tojo Yamamoto. And regards to all my friends down there. One of these days, Lew Eskin and I will take a trip down South to see you."

**Above: Weingeroff gets popped up by Buddy Wayne, but (left) comes back to give Buddy a taste of his cane later in the match.**

**Above: Kurt tries to twist off the led of Johnny Columbo during a television match. Below: In the interview that followed Kurt tells the wrestling fans in his broken English, "You all come bark, ya hear?"**



Pampero tells the television fans of his contempt for them.

# PAMPERO FIRPO

## *The Wild Bull Of The Pampas Is Back To Destroy His Opponents*

By GEORGE NAPOLITANO

Pampero Firpo bites into film at the television studio and begins to eat it.

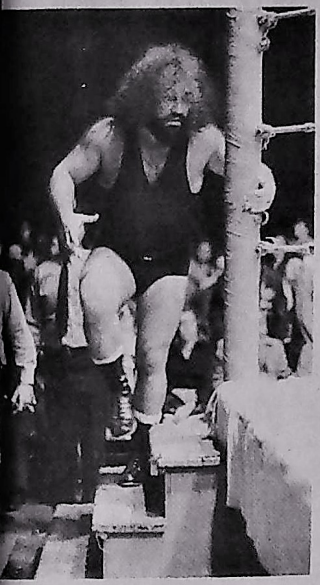
From the jungles of Argentina in South America comes a man who has been creating havoc in every city where he wrestles. People everywhere fear him. So do many of his opponets. The person to whom this description refers to is Pampero Firpo, "The Wild Bull of the Pampas."

Seeing Firpo, one is reminded of a cave man, a throwback to prehistoric times. Possibly he is the missing link that scientists have been searching for over the years. Firpo's wild appearance and manerisms inside the ring give one this impression.

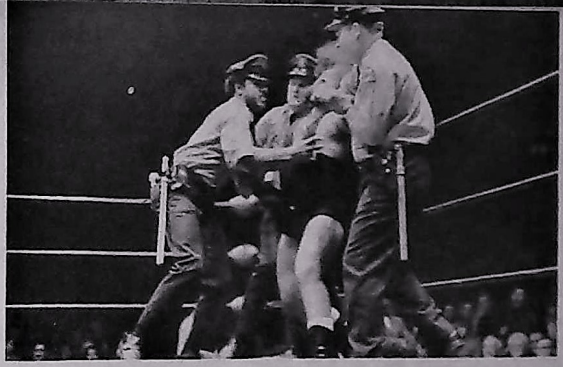
Whenever any of his opponets try to grab the hair that adorns Firpo's body, he immediately gets his fingers tied up in it. "I am like a modern day Sampson," Firpo stated. "I possess so much strangth in my hair that I just toss my opponest around the ring like a rubber ball."

Seeing Firpo maul and mangle his opponets has been too much for many a spectator. The fans shrink in horror from the sight of the maniac in the ring. The popular wrestler an TV commentator, Lord Athol Layton, adequately sums up the fans' reaction to Firpo's antics in the ring with these words: "They're in awe of him. The fans just don't know what to expect from him. Many people even leave their seats when it's Firpo's time to wrestle because they are afraid of what he might do to his opponet. He has on several occassions chased jeering fans from the arena and he always needs and army of policemen to escort him to and from the ring."

Firpo's contempt for his fans in



He angrily stalks into the ring surrounded by police.



The Wildman has to be dragged from the ring by an armed guard after another victory. He just doesn't know when to stop.

Pampero Firpo caught in the act of talking to his constant companion and closest friend — a little shrunken head.

Firpo claims to be a modern day Sampson. He feels his wild hair gives him strength.

evident. "I don't care about other people," he says. "Do you know that wherever I go people try to get my signature? This is hypocrisy. I am not used to patting people's backs, signing autographs or shaking people's hands. That is for the weak ones, for the sissy ones. I am above this. I do not need anyone."

It seems that the only friend Firpo has is a little shrunken head that he carries with him wherever he goes. This head had become Firpo's closest companion. In fact, this wild little man has even been known to converse with it.

During an interview Firpo stated, "In my country, the witch doctor, he told me that I will be going to a troubled world. To protect myself from the evils of this world he taught me all about witchcraft and self-hypnosis and to remind myself of this power I carry around my friend with me wherever I go. Do you know why I don't feel any punishment in the ring? I hypnotize myself before each bout. With my power and the great strength that I possess I can defeat anyone. I am the king of the sport of wrestling just as the lion is the king of the jungle."

Being from the wilds of Argentina, Firpo possesses different tastes than most humans. "I love the taste of flesh and the taste of blood," the Great one stated. "Sometime I have to change my diet from a liquid to a solid, from blood to fingers or ears. Every night I wrestle I add another victim to my collection. Close your eyes, use your imagination. When you close your fist and hit it against a ripe tomatoe, you know hot it splits in a thousand pieces? It's the same sensation when I get when I smash my opponets skull. Oh yeah! I love this."

The great Pampero has wrestled in twenty-one different countries and has appeared in all of the major wrestling areas in the United States. In his

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# WRESTLING'S FOURTH POPULARITY AND UNPOPULARITY POLL ------

Champion Sports Publishing Corporation originated the Popularity and Unpopularity Polls in 1962. Since that time we have conducted the poll two other times, in 1965 and in 1968. Each time the response was tremendous. The time has now come for our Fourth Popularity Poll. We have decided to make a few changes. This time you will vote for one wrestler, and one wrestler alone, in each category. That way the winner is assured of being the one wrestler who is the most popular with the most number of fans. The ballot will appear only in the July issues of Wrestling Revue and Wrestling Monthly. All votes must be on official ballots that are clipped from our magazines. Since Wrestling Revue and Wrestling Monthly are the two largest wrestling magazines in the world, and the only two magazines sold throughout the world, this poll is clearly the only possible world wide poll of wrestling fans. We want to know who you like the most and who you dislike the most among the many of professional wrestlers in the world. Results of the voting will be published in our November issues with the winner of the unpopularity poll appearing on the cover of Wrestling Monthly. All votes must be on official ballots and must be received by August 1st, 1972.

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# WHAT DID THEY LEARN FROM THE RUSSIANS?

***Wrestling Revue's Editor Travels To Minnesota And Comes Away With Impressions Of Two Styles Of Wrestling***

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

My trip to Minnesota recently was made for two reasons. One was to see the match between the man considered by many as the top professional wrestler in the wotld today, A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion Verne Gagne, and one of his leading challengers, the man considered as the top professional wrestler to come out of Russia, Ivan Koloff.

The other was to attend an international amateur wrestling meet presented by the United States Wrestling Federation with the Russian amateur team, generally considered the top wrestling team in the world, going against the American amateur team.

Since professional wrestling and amateur wrestling are quite different sports, I will treat each event as a separtae entity. The one thing they have in common is that both drew standing room only crowds as wrestling at all levels comtinues to prove to be one of the greatest spectator sports in the world.

First we'll talk about the A.W.A. World's Championship match. Gagne, being a native of Minnesota and the champion, went into the match as the favorite, both in popularity with the fans and in ranking by the experts. Promoters Eddie Williams and Wally Karbo had a record breaking crowd at the St. Paul auditorium.

Koloff, as professional fans know, shocked the wrestling world last year by defeating Bruno Sammartino in Madison Square Garden. Ivan was now after what many may consider the most coveted title in professional wrestling, the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship. He was managed by The Big "K," who is one of the foremost managers of wrestlers, also handling the careers of Shozo Kobayshi, The Great Kusatsu, and Higo Hamaguchi. Those three Japanese grapplers have done well under the control of "K", but it is the Russian, Ivan Koloff, whom "K" predicts will win the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship.

Naturally the match was full of excitement. The Big "K" was at ringside to act as Koloff's second. Verne Gagne brought along his own second in the person of the great British Empire and European Heavyweight Champion, Billy Robinson.

The match ended in controversy as special A.W.A. troubleshooting referee Joe Blanchard announced that it was "no contest" due to interference by both seconds. No doubt a rematch will have been held somewhere by the time you read this in print.

But spending a few days in Minnesota and studying the wrestling scene there again did give me some insight into why the American Wrestling Alliance is generally considered the major league of professional wrestling.

The A.W.A. promotions all fit this description. The reason? The promotions here are not based on the popularity and success of one or two wrestlers who are in the main event card after card while a series of challengers are groomed and then brought in to take a shot at the local top man. Instead, in the A.W.A., any one working can be and is of main event status.

Just look at the stars who are appearing on A.W.A. cards this month. Verne Gagne, who we said before is considered by many wrestling experts as the greatest in the world today. Ivan Koloff, the greatest grappler ever to come out of Russia. Billy Robinson, the man who won all the titles in England, Europe, and Japan before coming to the United States and who has since wrestled Dory Funk Jr. to a draw decision in an N.W.A. title match. The Crusher, one of the really

great veterans of the mat who has always been on top. (Many do not remember, but it was The Crusher who was the man who really out the Pittsburg promotion on the map and made it one of the top wrestling cities when he was top man for several years. Only later did Bruno Sammartino reach his prime and become the top dog there.) Dick the Bruiser, the roughneck from Indiana who left the Green Bay Packers to become known as the most dangerous wrestler alive and the top star in Indianapolis, Detroit, and Chicago in recent years. Mad Dog Vachon, who was an outstanding amateur, winning the

*Ivan Koloff brutalized his opponent in the television preliminary early in the evening.*

British Empire Championship for Canada, and who then went on as a professional to hold both the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship and the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship. Butcher Vachon, co-holder of the tag team championship with Mad Dog, who has wrestled all over the world and always been ranked at the top whether it be in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Inida, Pakistan, France, or England. And their little sister, Vivian Vachon, who is probably the top woman wrestler in the world today.

Nick Bockwinkle, co-holder of the World's Tag Team Championship and son of the great Warren Bockwinkle. Nick was the top man in Goergia for a year before he invaded the A.W.A. and before that he hald titles in California and Hawaii. Ray Stevens, the other half of the tag titleholders, who dominated wrestling in San Fransisco and northern California for the past decade. Pepper Gomez, the only

*Gagne won his match on the same show with his world famous sleeper hold.*

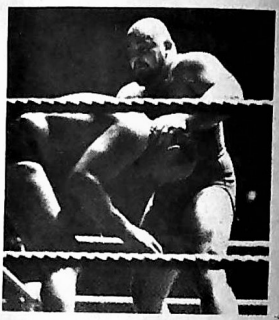
wrestler who came even close to doing as well as Stevens did in that area during these same two years. Ramon Torrer, until recently the holder of the N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Championship and winner of so many tag team honors with his brother Enrique, noe retires, and the late Alberto. Don Muraco, the sensational grappler who came out of Hawaii to be named the 1972 A.W.A. Rookie of the Year.

Wiobur Snyder, the Van Nuys, California, wrestler who is one of wrestling's all-time greats, a former World's Champion, and a former winner of the Wrestling Revue popularity contest. Bull Bullinski, the former truck driver who has become a sensation in the past two years. Pretty

*Marty O'Neil interviewed Wrestling Revue editor Norm Kietzer to get his opinion of the upcoming battle between Koloff and Gagne.*

Boy Larry Hennig, the man who is among the most successful at tag team wrestling, having held the title several times and when not holding it being ranked as a top contender with partners like Harley Race, Duke Hoffman, and Lars Anderson. Dirty Dusty Rhodes, the man who held the North American Heavyweight Championship for much of last year and now partners Hennig.

Cowboy Bill Watts, the current North American Heavyweight Champion who is recognized as such by many N.W.A. promoters. Docotr "X", without a doubt the top masked wrestler in the sport today. Chris



*Koloff cornered Gagne early in the match that saw things going for the Russian at first.*

Markoff, the greatest wrestler ever to come out of Yugoslavia, who has held many regional titles throughout the south. Wahoo McDaniel, the great Indian wrestler from Texas who has dominated wrestling in his native state for the past year.

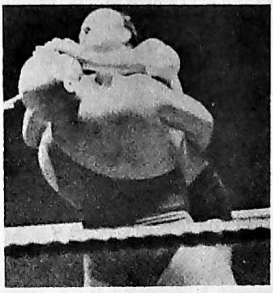
The above list is just a sample of the type of wrestlers that are in the A.W.A. each and every month. In short, the very best grapplers are always found on A.W.A. cards. That is because the promoters make an effort to get the very best, and they usually succeed.

As we said, the great key to the success of the A.W.A. is the fact that the promotion is not based on the drawing power of one single grappler. Again we will use the twin cities an an example. There were four main events that month. The first one we mentioned earlier was the controversial match between Koloff and Gagne.

In many areas such a match would

have required an immediate rematch for the next card to draw well. But here again the A.W.A. has so many stars that it is not necessary. Also, because the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship is recognozed throughout the alliance by every A.W.A. promoter, this title means as much as the heavyweight title.

Card number two of the month



*Gagne uses all his strength to break free from a bearhug held by the powerful Russian*

featured a title match with Nick Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens defending against two of the fans' top favorites, the team of Cowboy Bill Watts and Doctor "X." Card number three was equally spectacular with Bockwinkel and Stevens going against the team of Dick the Bruiser and The Crusher. It was not until the fourth card that Koloff and Gagne finally got a chance to settle their differences.

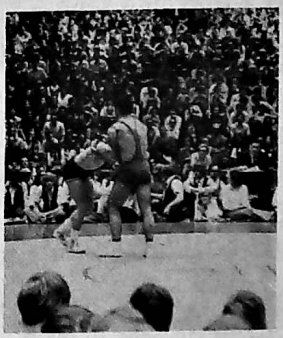
Well, that's ebough said about professional wrestling. Let's go back to the amateur card. It was hepl at the Anoka Senior High Fieldhouse in Anoka, Minnesota, and was one of several meetings between the Russians and the Americans in recent months. The series was marked by several inevitable similarities. In almost every case the United States Wrestling Foundation underestimated the potential of the attraction and the buildings it was held in were generally too small. In Minnesota the match was held in a high school fieldhouse, while one of the larger arenas in Minneapolis or St. Paul would have ebbn needed to adequately handle the thousands of people that tried to get in to see the meet. The same situation existed in New York, where another meet was held a few days earlier in the Hofstra University Gymnasium while the nearby larger Nassau Coliseum sat empty. But Myron Roderick, the Executive Director of the U.S.W.F., has assured me that they will use larger buildings in the future.

The meetings between the Russians

*The crowd came down and congratulated the members of the United States wrestling squad after the matches.*

and the Americans came to a predictable conclusion. In each case the Russian team was victorious, though there were several individual winners for the U.S. Dan Grable, the top U.S. star, was injured prior to the series and unable to participate. Chris Taylor, our heavyweight, was ill and forced to miss some of the meetings though he did hold Russia's Hagap Mogeboyzl to a draw the night I saw the meet.

The U.S. was represented by Bruce Thompson, Greg Johnson, Don Behm, Larry Owens, Larry Lyden, John Peterson, Russ Hellickson, Larry Kristoff, and Taylor. The Russians had Roman Dmitriev, Aminula Nasrullaev, Yagub Mamedov, Azgalav Abdulbekov, Nasrula Nasrullaev, Uypo Tycob, Nebav Teguaeobeerv, Gennadij Strakhov, Vladmir Gulyutkin, and



*This photo shows how the building was packed to the rafters when the American Wrestlers met the Russians.*

Hagap Mogeboyzl in thier line-up.

The simple reason why Russia dominates the competition was explained by U.S. Coach Doug Blubaugh. "Our biggest problem is to keep our best wrestlers wrestling after their college careers are over. The Russians are subsidzed by their government so they practice day-in-and-day-out, unlike our boys. If we could keep our boys wrestling after college we'd do much better in international competition."

To put it more clearly, the Russian "amateurs" are actaully professionals and wrestling is their full time job. Be that as it may, amateur wrestling in the United Stated is ever growing. And as the number one wrestling magazines in the world, we plan to cover all aspects of wrestling.

It has long been true that the very best professional wrestlers come out of the ranks of amateursm though there are great differences between the two sports. This is true because both sports require a sound background in the fundamentals and this is why, I am sure, I notice top prefessional wrestlers in the audience watching the Russian wrestlers intently. Verne Gagne, Billy Robinson, Nick Bockwinkel, Larry Hennig, and Dusty Rhodes attended the meet in Minnesota because they know that in wrestling you must always take every opportunity to learn something new.

*This was one of the few matches won by an American wrestler in the international amateur meet.*

# "I WANT HER BLOOD." SAYS JANE O'BRIEN A VENDETTA AGAINST TEXAS RED

By ERIC HOFFMAN

The beautiful and popular cowgirl wrestler, Texas Red.

There have been many feuds in the area of lady wrestling, but now a new one seems to be shaping up, one day that may become one of the most violent, even deadly. The gal who seems to have begun the war is Jane O'Brien, who has already made an explosive impact in her comparatively short career. One of the roughest gals in the ring, O'Brien has been called 'the buzz saw' because of the working-over she has given opponets who have been unfortunate enough to be pitted against her.

For O'Brien, the rules don't exist, except when the tide seems to be turming against her. At every chance, she'll use choking, biting, stomping and other tactics dug up from her days as a street brawler. To her, any opponet is an enemy, a target to batter into submission, or, if possible, destroy.

But lately, Jane has been waging war with another hot-tempered red-head; Texas Red, a vivacious lady whose popularity has been moving upwards lately. Adept at the scientific side of wrestling, Red's hair-trigger temper will set her into a rage at any abuse from an opponet. When that happens, the evil-doer finds herself on the receiving end of a merciless attack that more often than not, leaves her stunned in defeat.

There's no love lost between these two wildcats of the ring. This hostility has been the basis of several matches that have kept the fans on the edge of their seats, shouting themselves hoarse. This bizarre feud began when Jane and Red were matched against each other in a battle that was considered one of the most brutal ever seen. Jane had just thrown Red from the ring. Not content with waiting until the referee had finished his disqualifying count, O'Brien launched herself into one of her "flying stomps" that have injured opponets in the past. Landing squarely on Red's right leg, O'Brien began a barrage of kicking and stomping that had Red screaming in pain. The referee tried vainly to stop the attack, but O'Brien had gone mad, eyes wild, teeth bared in a snarl, as she continued to abuse the injured Texas Red.

Left with no other choice, the referee disqualified Jane. In all the yelling and confusion, the disqualification got through to O'Brien. She went beserk, hitting the referee, then launching another flying stomp at Texas Red. But this time, when she landed, there was a crunch of bone and a shriek of agony from Red. It took the referee and a couple of guards to pull Jane away from the injured cowgirl, but the damage had already been done: Jane's vicious attack had left Texas Red with a broken leg.

Red was out of action for several months in a cast from ankle to hip, but she still kept one idea in mind – to get back Jane O'Brien in the ring again. And then, the inevitable happened. Jane O'Brien and Texas Red were opponets once more, only this time it was an exhibition match put on by Mildred Burke, who had discovered and trained the two girls.

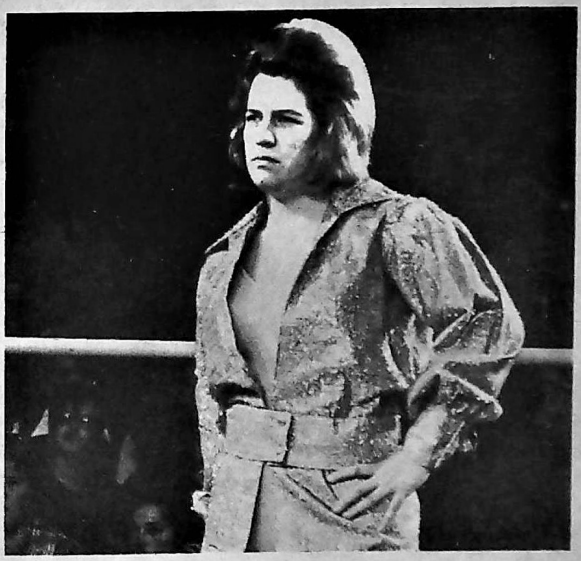
At least it started as an exhibition match; but within a few minutes both girls were tearing away at each other in what seemed like an instant replay of their previous encounter. Texas Red was out for revenge, and O'Brien was eager to "cut that cowgirl up." As the people attending the match realized that this was no exhibition but a real total destruction match, the referee tried to separete the two combatants. His efforts not only cost him an attack from both girls, who tangled him in the ropes, then returned to the buisness at hand: demolishing each other.

Rules were forgotten as the girls kicked, punched, and clawed at each other. Then Red got in her innings, letting fly eith a punch that caught

Jane squarely in the mouth. Something white flashed through the air: Jane O'Briens front tooth! Only partially aware of this, O'Brien reacted more from the pain pf Red's punch. She went wild, battering the cowgirl all over the ring, then hurling Red outside to the cement floor where the cowgirl lay stunned. Her teeth bared in a grotesque snarl, made even more bizarre by that missing tooth, blood trickling from her danaged gums (making her look like a horror film vampire), O'Brien dragged Red back into the ring and proceeded with cold-blodded deliberation to batter Red into helplessness. With her opponet unable to defend herself, O'Brien pinned Red's hand under her foot and began to bend it at an awkard angle. The pain got through to Texas Red, who thrashed about frantically, knowing what O'Brien wanted to do. Her efforts were too late. Again the crack of bone, again a scream of agony from Texas Red; Jane O'Brien had broken her wrist. With her opponet lying on the mat in pain, O'Brien suddenly realized that one of her front teeth had been knocked out when she saw blood dripping onto the mat. O'Brien's hands flew to cover her mouth as she let out a scream like a wounded cougar. Eyes wide in pain and rage, the mad red-head dashed from the ring into the dressing room where a doctor gave first aid to her injury before Jane disappeared into the night.

Out of action once more, Texas Red's counting the days when she can take the cast off her wrist and get back into action. And this time, she has no intention of playing it fair and square when she meets O'Brien again.

However, let Texas Red be warned that while she has been out of action, Jane O'Brien has become more vicious. More fearsome than ever with her missing tooth making her snarl of rage more grotesque, O'Brien has continued to maul opponets. Scheduled one evening to go up against Marie Vagnone, holder of the Mildred Burke's World Champiomship belt, O'Brien made it very clear that she harbors an almost homocidal grudge against Texas Red. But on that particular evening she was in an especially vicious state of mind. She had just learned that Vagnone's title would not be put on the line for that match. No amounts of threats, pleas or yelling could change matters. Pacing around in the dressing room, O'Brein's



**Jane O'Brien, one of the most hated girl wrestlers in the world today, is engaged in a bloody feud with Texas Red.**

temper was making her fire out words like a machine gun as she expressed her anger at events. "They've got it in for me," she snarled. "I'm better than ever, tougher than any of those. . .those. . .well, never mind. They won't let me go for that belt; that little pipsqueak Vagnone is their favorite and they ain't taking any chances on her losing the championship. Well she'll have to put up that belt, and when she does. . .it's gonna end up right where it belongs, around my waist!"

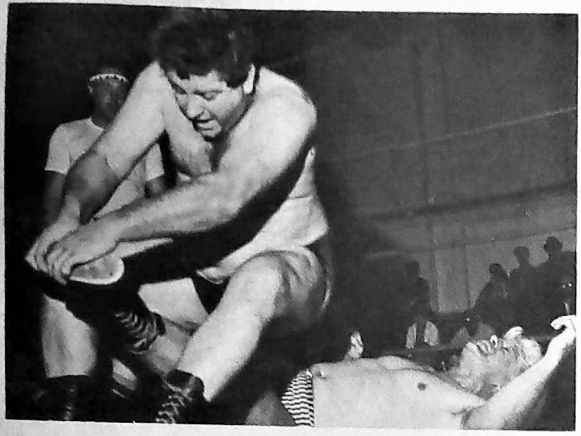
When the subject of Texas Red was brought up, Jane's eyes started to widen in rage. "That. . .cowgirl! I ain't sorry I broke her wrist. I busted her leg once. She's lucky I didn't do it to her neck. I was feeling kind of charitable that night. . .you know, real nice, so I took it a little easy on her. So what does she do – she knocked out my tooth. She disfigured me! That tooth had already been lose because of one of them little squirts down in Japan. And now she's saying I was too rough! She doesn't even know what rough is!

You print this so she can see it," Jane bellowed, her face going wild and turning red as she got madder and madder. "You're dog meat, cowgirl. You hear me? Dog Meat! When I get you on that ring again, I'm gonna break you in two. You'll never wrestle again when I'm finished. You think I'm mean now. You'll find out what mean is, kid!

"She says she's good! Well, I want her in a Death Match. That way, she'll have the chance to show how good she is without that referee to protect her. And when I get her. . .she's finished. Pick the time and the place, cowgirl, I'm waiting for you! I want your blood all over that ring! You hear me! I WANT YOUR BLOOD!"

How vicious she has become was soon viewed in her match with Marie Vagnone. The blonde champ had her hands full with O'Briens all-out attack. The one hour time-limit bout ended with no fall won and both girls disqualified when their battle wound up out of the ring. Back in the dressing room, Vagnone said, "Boy, I'd hate to be in Red's shoes. Jane's gone crazy and she really wants to finish her off."

One thing is certain. Jane O'Brien was right. She has gotten rougher. When she and Texas Red tangle again it could be either one of the most brutal matches in wrestling or an out-and-out massacre. Only the match itself will confirm any speculations.



Dale Starr dark hair, and Dizzy McShane, blonde hair, had a very fast moving match on one of Becker's cards held in Gastonia, North Carolina.

# A NEW PROMOTION DOWN SOUTH

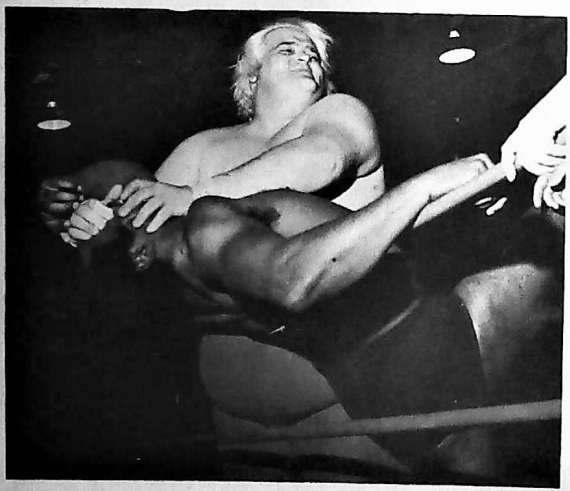
## *George Becker Hangs Up His Wrestling Tights To Become A Promoter*

By GENE GORDON

For many years George Becker has been one of professional wrestling's great stars. This fact is attested to by thousands of wrestling fans who have sent in votes for Becker since his retirement a few months ago made him eligible for the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

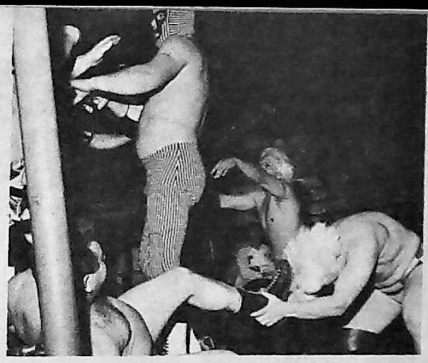
Becker, though retired from the mat, has not quit wrestling. He has become a promoter. His small independent shows just started a few weeks ago and whether he will be successful or not is not yet known.

However, we thought you might enjoy these glimpses of Becker's promotions and in our never-ending efforts to cover all phases of the sport of wrestling, we are giving you a chance to see George Becker in action, through these photos of his stars, as a promoter.



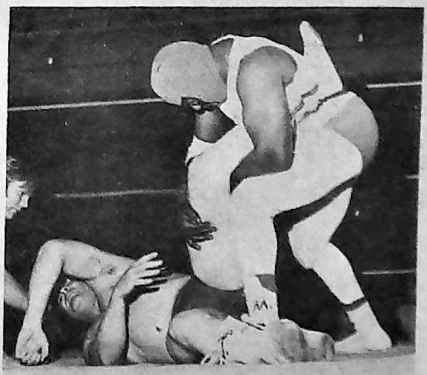
Ox The Ripper chokes Charlie Cook in this bitterly fought battle in Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Jimmy Valentine throws Rock "Mr. Wonderful" Riddle in another match on the Kings Mountain card.



This is the team of Dizzy McShane, Rock Riddle and The Convict (left) who tangled with Jerry and Jimmy Valentine and Dale Starr in a six man main event that highlighted one of Becker's cards.

Hoss Strickland (left) and George Becker, who came out of retirement to appear on a special benefit card at Gastonia, North Carolina.



The Black Medic puts pressure on Billy Blue Cloud in another battle on the card.

Referee Buddy Wayne and wrestlers Billy Blue Cloud and Charlie Cook look over some photos in the dressing room. Charlie Cook, formerly of the Pittsburgh Steelers, is another gridiron star who has taken up professional wrestling.

The Valentine Brothers, Jerry and Jimmy, are two of the new stars on the promotions of Mike Gallagher and George Becker, two retired wrestlers who now promote wrestling in association with Shakey's Pizza Chain.

# IS CRUSHER VERDU?

Oscar "Cursher" Verdu is one of the strongest wrestlers in the world.

# THE STRONGEST MAN IN WRESTLING

By EARL YETTER

***Powerful Spanish Gladiator Is mowing down foes who stand in his way for World Championship honors.***

Riding the crest of the greatest success in his illustrious mat career is the massive, imposing figure of Crusher Oscar Verdu who is regarded as the greatest Spanish wrestler to hit the North American continent in the past decade.

Born in the beautiful city of Bilboa, Spain, 34 years ago, Oscar was adored by his pround parents as an infant because he was a husky little shaver. In his early youth he immediately became interested in several sports but in his eager participation in them he wanted to choose one sport in which he could excel. So, it was no surprise when he told his parents he liked to wrestle with his buddies in school.

At the tender age of 15, he started to train and surprised all and sundry when he entered amateur competition at that age. It seemed to be second nature to Oscar as he went about the project of winning his matches with a consistency that must have made his opponents despair.

He remained in the amateur ranks for six years and then earned his first income as a salesman of sporting goods. His experience as an amateur wrestler seemed to give him confidence and he looked around for something that might be a challenge to his ability as an athlete.

For a while he took up the project of becoming an airplane pilot. However, the lessons became a drain on his paltry income at that time so he made up his mind he would have to seek something else.

Oscar had done quite well as an amateur wrestler which he continued until he could decide what path he would eventually choose for his livelihood. He threw aside all opposition in the simon pure ranks and became the European Amateur Champion from 1956 to 1962.

At this point he really got down to business and started to take stock of himself. He grew tired of looking at the plaques and trophies he had won. Almost overnight he made the decision that he wanted to become a professional wrestler.

He sought out Promoter Tony Salvadore and with all the courage he could muster told Salvadore that he wanted to become a pro. Salvadore looked over the husky figure in front of him. When he learned that the lad had won championship honors on the amateur mat he immediately realized that Oscar would be a great recruit for the pro ranks.

Oscar trained diligently under Salvadore who gave him professional instructions and intensive preparation for several months. He proved to be an eager recruit as he went about learning dozens of holds, how to break those holds and how to acquire the science of balance and leverage. He became so proficient after three months' training that Salvadore told him he was ready to take his chances as a pro in 1962.

Under Salvadore's guidance Oscar came up with dazzling matches that surprised his mentor. Confidence is a cardinal asset to any pro wrestler. Faith in your own ability is a "must" for a successful mat career.

Oscar had these qualities plus a lot more and when he came up with a series of victories in his first year it was just the impetus he needed to push him on to greater triumphs.

Strength and power are other attributes a wrestler needs to meet the challenges of his adversaries. In the process of molding his body into a fighting machine the Crusher was an immediate advocate of weight-lifting and isometric exercises. At 25 years of age he stood 5' 10" and tipped the scales at 265 pounds of sinew and muscle along with a powerful chest that measured 63½ inches.

His success the first year had propelled him into prominence in Europe. He entered a number of tournaments like an ICBM and finally won the European championship.

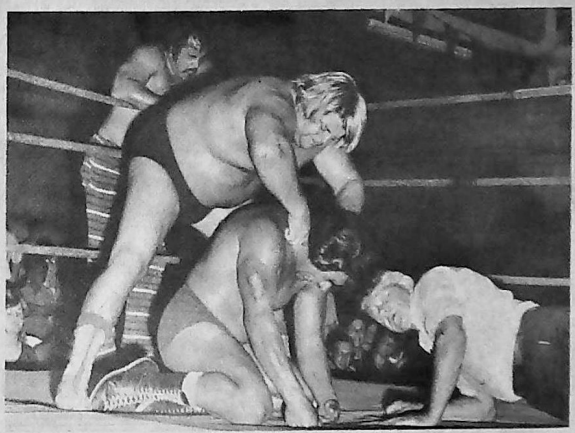
Now he looked around for other challenges. He made up his mind to go to North America. It became the most important decision he had made up to that time. In due time it became a veritable bonanza for him, as we shall see later.

In his first matches in this country it became apparent that this new invader would have to be regarded with full respect. He became an enigma to most of his opponents, and the one attribute responsible from victory to victory was his superlative power.

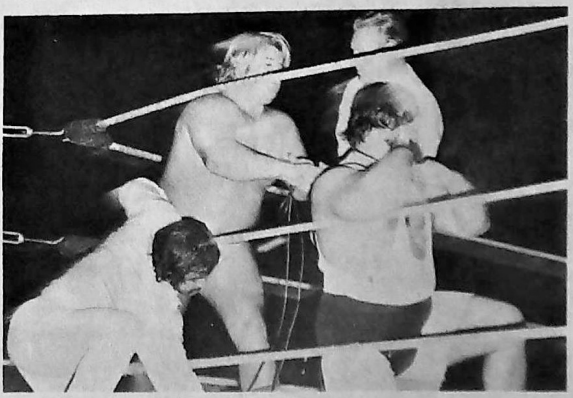
In some of the matches he could toss his foes to the mat with such force that they simply became inert pawns in his hands. When some of his opponents tried to deck him with forearm blows orleaping drop-kicks he anchored himself as if he were a human brick wall and became the immovable object and it was almost impossible to knock him off his feet.

This was disconcerting to even veteran adversaries and some of them were seen shaking their heads in dismay, unable to fathom what assault they could contrive to continue the battle against this superman. In some of his offenses he would pick up opponents as if they were sacks of sponges and actually bounce them into submission.

A couple years of campaigning in the U. S. saw him move into the



*In a wild Buffalo, N.Y. tag match Verdu uses a nerve hold on Luis Martinez as Referee Joe Arlauckos watches cautiously.*



*Verdu tightens the microphone cord around Mighty Igor's neck as Referee Larry White counts for a clean break.*

charmed circlr of the most sought-after wrestlers in the country. Promoters outbid one another to sign him for their programs as word of his victories precedes him as he moved from one territory to another.

When he continued to win his matches he demanded to be matched with the higher echelon performers. Each victory gave Verdu additional courage and daring and he went on a real rampage to take championship honors in the Midwest and Southern circuits.

His subsequent matches with such stars as Buddy Rogers, Fred Blassie, Domenic DeNuccie, Waldo Von Erich and Johnny Powers can rightfully be termed mat epics. They firmly established him as a star in his own right, thereby gaining national prominence.

One promoter who saw great possiblitites in Verdu was the diligent Vince McMahon, who singed the Spanish marauder to oppose Bruno Sammartino, at that time owned the World Wide Wrestling Federation Championship crown.

McMahon, who had proven to be a phenomenal matchmaker in the past, figured that Verdu had earned the

right of a championship match on his record and he lost no time in signing the pair for a match in the new Madison Square Garden Arena.

The match proved to be a bonanza for Promoter McMahon as a sell-out crowd of 22,000 stormed through the turnstiles that night with several thousand more being turned away. This was unusual but it proved that wrestling had become an important sport in the new edifice.

As the bell rang to bring Sammartino and Verdu together the huge hall fell silent. As they circled one another seeking an advantage it became apparent that they both had respect for each other. This was the acid test for Verdu or not. True, it was a battle of Power versus Power.

Sammartino moved in and came to grips with Verdu. Then he had moments of indecision as he tried to figure out some kind of attack that he could carry to the solid individual in front of him. Sammartino charged and was met with savage blows to the neck and head. The attack seemed to

*Here Verdu and Swayze talk over the strategy they will use in the coming battle.*

surprise him as he tried to pick up the momentum. As he came forward to meet Verdu once more he ran into more blows, mostly to the head.

As Sammartino backed away from the attack he seemed to be in distress and shook his head apparently to clear up his view. Verdu charged again and made his target Sammartino's head upon which he landed with vicious blows. He followed up with a wicked knee to the stomach.

Now Verdu seemed to realize that

*A match between Verdu and Mighty Igor to decide which is the stronger ended in a stalemate as Mighty Igor taunts Verdu while Manager Bruce Swayze looks on in dismay.*

his attacks had given him the advantage and he came up once more with savage blows to Sammartino's forehead. Constant pounding on one target finally opened up an ugly cut on Sammartino's brow. It started to bleed profusely and poured down upon Sammartino's body. At the 17-minute mark Verdu charged once more and aimed blow after blow upon the open would. The blood spurted in copious quantities now and finally the referee moved in to examine the cut more closely. He decided that valor was all right in some circumstances, but he stopped the match to avoid further injury to Sammartino.

A rematch was eventually signed. The second meeting between the two proved to be a real donnybrook as they battled one another to a standstill inside and outside the ring. Sammartino might have surmised at this time that his title was in jeopardy and he came up with solid attacks to hold Verdu in abeyance.

During one of the attacks Verdu was thrown outside the ring and was shaken up considerably. It was several seconds before he attempted to get up off the floor and when he tried to make it back into the ring he just could not beat the 10 count. It was a wild and wooly Texas-style battle but Verdu has firmly established himself as a front line attraction with Madison Square Garden fans.

Another man who saw great possibilities in Verdu was Lou Albano, who had teamed with Tony Altomore in a number of sensational matches as The Sicilians. Albano sought out Verdu with the final result that he would handle Verdu as his manager. They went on a barnstorming trip to Upper New York State cities as well as Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, where Verdu was undefeated as a single attraction. For a short period he teamed up with Waldo von Erich and they took the tag team championship from Chief White Owl and Domenic DeNucci.

When Lou Albano assumed the management of Verdu he seemed to take great delight in stomping a weary foe who had been tossed from the ring to the floor outside. This brought cries of derision from the fans who demanded fair play. Albano's attacks were ferocious, to say the least.

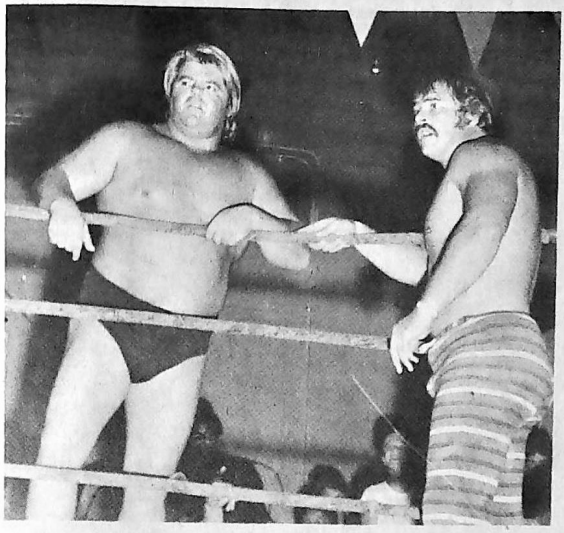
Suddenly for some unknown reason, Albano and Verdu parted company. It was said the Albano might return as a tag team partner with Tony Altomore or that he would

*Manager Bruce Swayze and Crusher Verdu are one of the most controversial duos in wrestling and they bar no one as opponents.*

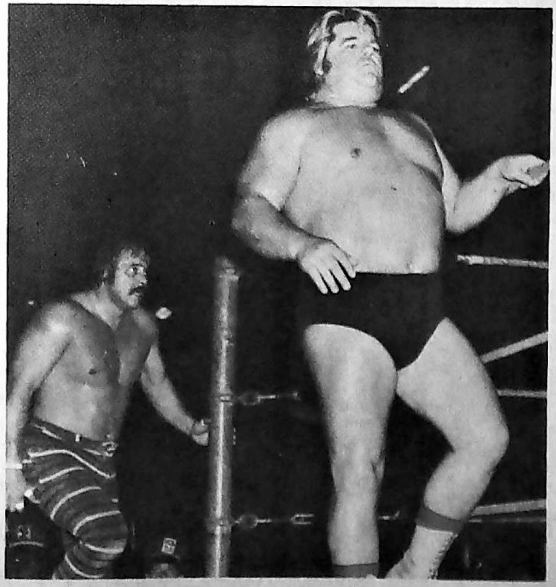
seek other wrestlers which he would manage.

At this point, one Bruce Swayze, a flamboyant mod dresser from California, assumed the management of Verdu. Together they became a fired-up duo second to none and on occasions Swayze would join Verdu as a tag team partner.

One match that drew unusual interest was that against Mighty Igor. The match was a feature of the 11-match Parade of Champions Show in honor of Promoter Pedro Martinez's 25th anniversary. The battle between Mighty Igor and Verdu was to decide which of the two was the stronger. They engaged in holds of strength with the advantage swaying back and forth between them. Both had been tagged as two of the strongest wrestlers in the business but when they huffed and puffed and struggled through the twenty-minute time limit to a stalemate, it became apparent that a



*Verdu and Swayze look over their opponents as they prepare for a tag team match.*



*Verdu is followed into the ring by his flamboyant manager Bruce Swayze who provides plenty of excitement with the fans.*

match of longer duration would have to be signed to determine which one was the stronger.

When you sit down and talk about the future of Crusher Verdu with his manager, Bruce Swayze, it must be said that when it comes to extolling the virtues of his charge that he is on an equal footing with Abdullah Farouk, manager of The Sheik, in every respect.

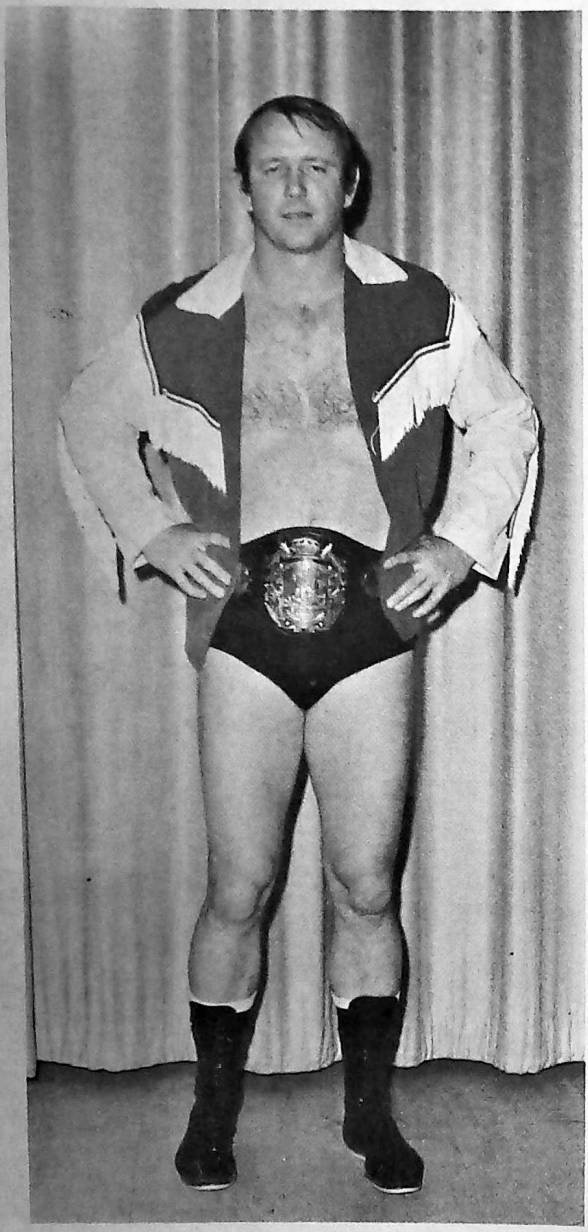
"Why the Crusher here does not know his own strength himself. In some of his first matches in this country, he was his own publicity agent. Without provocation, he would lift huge boulders in exhibitions of strength before startled groups of fans before his matches. Then they'd come in droves to see him wrestle because they realized they were looking at perhaps one of the strongest men in the world," says Swayze.

"In the ring he fears no man. He knows that he can wear down any opponent with his brute strength, and that is always the road to victory for him. Right now he is booked solid in upstate New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania under the banner of the National Wrestling Federation and you can bet that Crusher Oscar Verdu is on the way to the top and will someday wear the World Championship crown. In my mind there isn't any doubt about the statement. He will go on to greater victories than ever in his future engagements and he will prove that he will have to be the leading contender for world championship honors, concluded manager Swayze.

When you look at Crusher Verdu it appears that he has a full purpose in life. He has gone from an uncertain start in his early life to one that can give him almost anything he desires if he becomes successful in his bid for the world championship.

On his days off he seeks relaxation with music which he claims can calm him down, and gets him away from every care that might be on his mind. Other projects he is interested in are raising roses and horses.

Right now Crusher Verdu is throwing everything he has into the fight to obtain a world championship match. He wants to prove that he is entitled to that honor by defeating anyone who stands in his way, and he has been doing just that. Is Crusher Verdu destined to wear the world championship crown? We'll just have to wait and see.



DORY FUNK JR.

VINCE McMAHON

# MERGER -

## *An Analysis of the W.W.W.F*

By LEONARD A. BURSTEIN

This article is being written to explain my feelings about the wrestling promotions presented by the World Wide Wrestling Federation. For many years I have followed wrestling in cities like New York, Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

Although Bruno Sammartino is no longer the world champion I feel that when he first won the title as recognized by the WWWF a deterioration started. Let me explain by first talking about the history of the WWWF and why I feel that it has no validity.

On January 24, 1963, in Toronto, Canada, Louis Thesz won the National Wrestling Alliance title by winning a one-fall match. Two weeks later in the same ring on February 7, 1963, Thesz again defeated Buddy Rogers to further cement his claim on the title. So Thesz proved that he deserved to be the new champion by not just once but TWICE beating the former champion, the second match winning two out of three falls.

At that time Buddy Rogers was the top drawing card in wrestling, and the Eastern promoters did not want to lose him as their box-office attraction. So the promoters banded together to form the World Wide Wrestling Federation and named former boxing promoter Willie Gilzenberg as President.

So the WWWF ignored the fact that

SAM MUCHNICK

# ON OR OFF?

## *Wrestling Scene*

Rogers had really lost all title claims and set him up as their own champion to headline their cards. Then in May of 1963, May 17 to be exact, Rogers lost his WWWF title to Bruno Sammartino in 48 seconds in New York City's Madison Square Garden. Sammartino had an eight-year reign and during this span the decline of East Coast wrestling began.

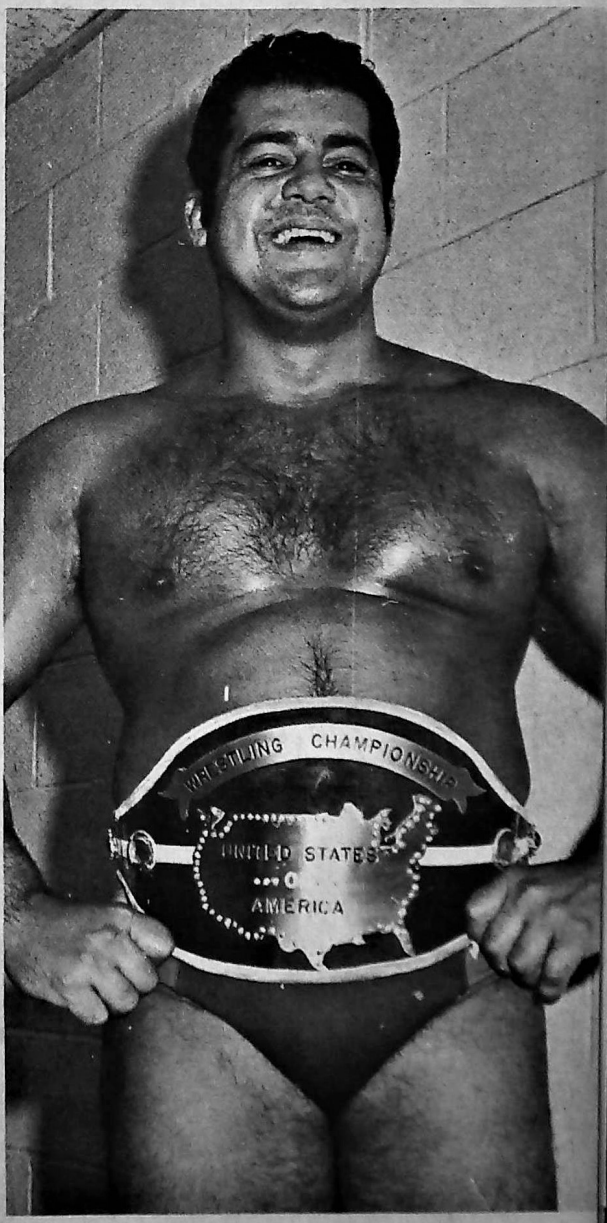
Bruno wrestled on every Madison Square Garden main event for 8 years, both in single matches defending his title, and in tag team matches.

After a while a lot of fans became tired of Bruno always headlining the cards and at the same time the promoters lost their TV contract in New York. The combination of the two caused Madison Square Garden to sharply decline in attendance, from 18,000 to 12,000.

So far the point I have made is that Bruno, with no legitimate claim to the world championship, became such a fixture on the East Coast that the attendance began to decline since he was always in the main event.

The next thing I would like to point out is that Bruno only wrestled against the villains with the exception of Bobo Brazil and Bill Watts. None of the scientific wrestlers ever got title shots.

Bruno would have been made a fool of by a scientific wrestler – Bobo Brazil was doing a good job against him when he had Sammartino weakened and in a full nelson ready for a pin when Bruno kicked off the




PEDRO MORALES

turnbuckle, causing Bobo to crash to the mat with Bruno atop him, luckily getting a pin and retaining his title. Watts also only missed winning the title through technicalities. Verne Gagne's challenges were always ignored because Gagne, one of the greatest wrestlers of all time, both in college and as a pro, would have beaten Sammartino. Sammartino needed vollains to help him draw at the gate – matches between scientific wrestlers don't as a rule draw very well.

Bruno never publicly admitted that on a card on March 14, 1963 Thesz gave Bruno a chance for Thesz's NWA title, and Thesz retained the title, but het Bruno allowed himself to be billed as the world champion, someone who is the best wrestler in the world.

One other thing that needs mentioning is that Sam Muchnick told Bruno that in order to get an N.W.A. title shot he must beat top contenders the same way that other contenders get their shots, by beating both the scientific and roughhouse wrestlers. Bruno would have had a hard time getting by John Paul Henning, Wilbur Snuder, Fritz von Erich, Bob Ellis, the Destroyer, Whipper Billy Watson, and many other top stars that got NWA title shots, besides a lot of wrestlers now wrestling in the AWA, led by Dick the Bruiser, Edouard Carpentier, Mad Dog Vachon, and of course, Billy Robinson and Verne Gagne, AWA heavyweight champion.

I realize that the WWWF was formed to keep Rogers, and later Bruno, as world champion to headline Eastern cards, but I got very tired of seeing Sammartino in the main event on every MSG card. When Kiloff defeated Bruno I hoped that he would hold the title for a while, so the "scientific" wrestlers would get a chance at the title, but Morales won the title too fast. To me, he is just a substitute for Bruno, and a lot of fans want to see Bruno go against Pedro for the title. This would be a first for the WWWF, ahving two heroes go against each other in an important title match. I realize matches between two favorites don't always draw well. But since Bruno is an ex-champ, it is a slightly different matter. A battle of champion Morales versus Bruno, the ex-WWWF champ, would draw pretty well.

When Morales first won the title he appeared not to be drawing very well at the gate, and this I believe is why McMahon and the other promoters dropped the "World" from their title, as they wanted to get back into the NWA. Funk has drawn very well throughout his reign, and I think that their greed led to the WWWF promoters wanting to get back into the NWA, to get it on the "Funk gravy train."

The rumors started flying shortly after the NWA Convention in Mexico City last summer. Vince McMahon, who is the top promoter in the World Wide Wrestling Federation, had attended the convention.

According to reports, McMahon asked the National Wrestling Alliance the terms for the WWWF to rejoin the NWA and was told that the WWWF would have to first stop advertising Pedro Morales as the World Champion.

It came as no surprise then that on the first cards after the convention Pedro was introduced first completely. Then Madison Square Garden programs started featuring photos of Dory Funk Jr. and Sam Muchnick and everyone here thought completely. Then Madison Square Garden started featuring photos of Dory Funk Jr. and Sam Muchnick and everyone here thought the merger was around the corner.

We were further buoyed by the fact that Sam Muchnick, in a speech to the WFIA convention, said, when talking about the relationship of the WWWF and the NWA: "The split came when Lou Thesz beat Buddy Rogers in Toronto. Two weeks later he beat him again and yet Buddy Rogers goes back East and they still call him the champion. And then Sammartino beat him, and Koloff beat Sammartino, and Morales beat Koloff. Vince McMahon is a very good friend of mine. Now sometimes you can be good friends personally but business rivals. And I think Vince and his associates know they made a mistake. They've been at every one of our Conventions as my guests because when we have a meeting we have nothing to hide, from any so everything is above board. But I can tell you one thing, before this year is over, they'll be one world champion in the East and with the Alliance!" is over, they'll be one world champion in the East and with the Alliance!"

It looked to everyone like the merger was right around the corner and that the WWWF would shortly be absorbed into the National Wrestling Alliance. Rumors of the impending merger were printed in magazines both in the United States and in Japan. But as the months go by and no merger comes into being, one begins to wonder if it will ever come about.

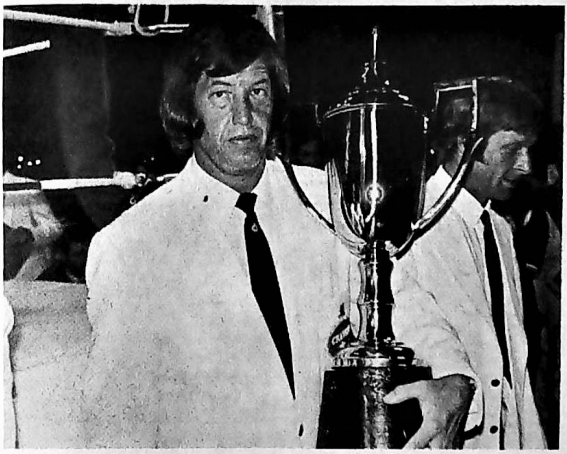
At first the only dissenting vote came from the Pittsburgh promotion. According to unconfirmed reports, they were on the verge of dropping out of the WWWF if the merger went through. Ace Freeman, the Pittsburgh promoter, was said to be very interested in signing a title match between Pedro and Bruno and felt that such a match should be held before any talks of merger were entered into.

But now that Morales is starting to draw record gates I think the WWWF has decided to forget the NWA because they don't need Funk with Morales finally coming through. That is why, in my opinion, Gilzenberg went on radio and announced that there would be no merger, and I believe that there will not be one.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The opinion of the writer of this article does not necessarily reflect the views of WRESTLING REVUE magazine. But we felt it was an article that had to be written. Only time will tell whether a merger will take place. Some may feel that we have overstepped out bounds and are trying to tell promoters what to do. However we have said before and will say again that wrestling should have one champion. Right now it does not. A vast number of our readers have indicated in their letters that they feel this way also. The many rumors we have both heard and seen in print concerning a possible merger made it our duty to our readers to find out as much as we could about this matter and writer Leonard Burstein has done an excellent job in gathering the facts. His prejudices are obvious to anyone who reads the article, and we are sure to publish letters and articles in the future from those who may dispute some of his points, but we felt that this article, his first effort for a national publication, was well worth reading for every serious wrestling fan. We will say again that we, as a magazine, feel that wrestling does not have a genuine World's Heavyweight Champion. Matching Morales vs. Sammartino, Morales vs. Funk, and Verne Gagne vs. the winner of those matches would give wrestling the genuine titleholder that the sport and its fans really deserve.

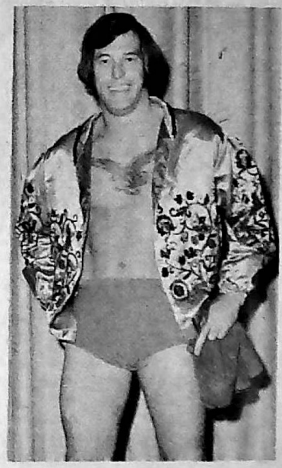
# JOHNNY EAGLES COMES TO AMERICA

## *British Wrestling Great Now Wants World Recognition*



*Johnny Eagles has held many titles in England and Europe. Here he is holding a large trophy he received as a result of winning a tournament in Great Britain.*

*Johnny is the one who supplies power to move around this vehical that carries three of his fans.*

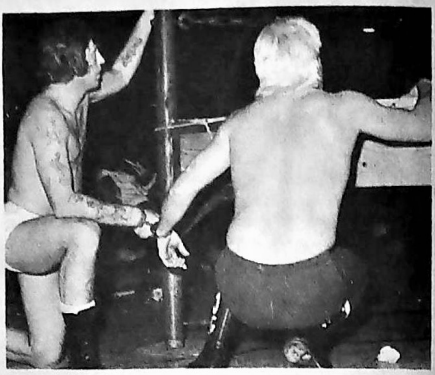


By LIL AL VAVASSEUR

Johnny Eagles has been one of the top wrestlers in the lightweight division in England for several years. The colorful wrestling star has a big eagle tattooed across his chest. This emblem of his name has made him an easily recognized wrestler across the British Isles.

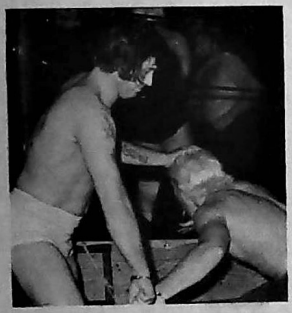
Johnny ran out of competition in England and he has decided to follow in the footsteps of fellow countryman Billy Robinson and come to North America. Just as Robinson has come here with the goal of winning the most coveted title in the heavyweight division – the World's Heavyweight Championship – so Eagles is after the top in the junior heavyweight division – the World's Junior Heavyweight Championship.

Danny Hodge, current N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Champion, has seen Johnny in action and he says that Eagles may be the toughest man he has yet to face in defense of the title. That is saying a lot when you consider the brutal battles Danny has had in title matches against men like Hiro Matsuda, Jack Brisco, Sputnik Monroe, Lorenzo Parante, Doctor "X", and Rip Kirby. However, one must remember that in North America all the wrestlers spend most of their time in the heavyweight division. Most, and that includes Hodge, jump back and forth and have



*On this occassion promoter LeRoy McGuirk assigned Eagles as babysitter for James Garvin. Johnny did a good job preventing James from going in to aid his brother, Terry Garvin, during the match.*

*Eagles has a collection of expensive jackets that he wears into the ring. They are almost as colorful as the wrestling he displays once he removes his jacket.*



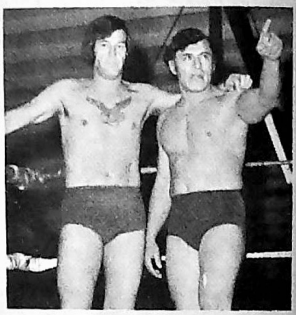
*When Grizzly Smith cornered Terry Garvin it was Johnny Eagles who made sure James Garvin stayed clear of the action.*

to cut weight when involved in junior heavyweight division matches.

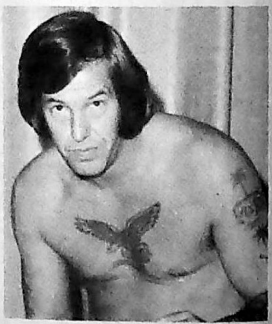
Eagles is a junior heavyweight and has spent his entire career in the lower weight divisions. He isn't forced to cut weight and efficiency to get down to the junior heavyweight limit. You see, in England where Johnny comes from, they have wrestling in weight classes and some of the most popular contests are in other divisions than heavyweight. This, of course is completely different from America where the fans prefer heavyweight contests almost to the exclusion of all other weight divisions.

One of Eagles' biggest boosters is Billy Robinson. Billy came to the United States and has had great success, to the point that most wrestling experts feel that Robinson is a cinch to become the next A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion and to defeat current A.W.A. titleholder Verne Gagne should they ever meet.

Johnny Eagles is rapidly becoming a favorite of wrestling experts around the country as their pick as the next World's Junior Heavyweight Champion. If Johnny should win the championship it is almost certain that he would return with it to England. They have long been demanding World title matches in the junior division. English promoters and fans alike feel that even though the holders of the World's Junior Heavyweight Championship have been mainly American's and the title has been defended almost exclusively in this country, that England and Europe actually have the best junior



*Silento Rodriguez has acted as Johnny's partner in matches in the United States. In England Johnny and Terry Jowett have done well in tag matches.*



*The Eagle tatooed across the chest of Johnny Eagles has become the symbol of great wrestling on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.*

heavyweights in the world. For many years they have attempted to get the champion to come over and defend the title in Europe, but Johnny Eagles decided not to wait.

He has come to America to get the title and bring it back to Europe himself. Johnny Eagles is a great wrestler and he has all the tools to win the title. Billy Robinson, who trained with Johnny in the same gym in England, says Eagles is one of the best if not the best man in that weight division right now. Plans for a title match between Hodge and Eagles are now being formulated by LeRoy McGuirk, one of the greatest junior heavyweight champions of all time and now the top promoter of junior matches in the world.

This will be a classic scientific match. Most English wrestlers, and Eagles in particular, do not use the rough, brawling tactics that are prevalent in American contests. Hodge, however, is one of American who prefers the scientific style and has a solid background in amateur wrestling that included three N.C.A.A. championships and a host of other amateur mat honors. Danny has faced many top challengers, but none can surpass Johnny Eagles in pure wrestling skill.

The match between Danny Hodge and Johnny Eagles is one that has to be. No, it won't be a violent blood bath like many of today's wrestling contests. It will be an exciting meeting of two wrestling purists. But just because two scientific stars are meeting, don't think it will be dull. This will be a match to be compared with some of the great contests between Gagne and Carpentier, two great scientific grapplers who proved that American wrestling fans enjoy and turn out in record numbers when you match two really great scientific stars.

Will Johnny Eagles win the title and take it back to England? Those questions will have to be answered when the match takes place. Whatever happens, when the match comes off it probably will shape the future of the junior heavyweight division for many years to come.

In closing, we don't want to forget that Johnny Eagles is still a big star in England as well. He still flies back home every few months for engagements in his homeland. As evidence of that, Ringsport, the official monthly journal of The British Wrestling Alliance, recently listed the tag team of Johnny Eagles and Terry Jowett, who are known as the White Eagles, as one of the best in that country. Maybe Johnny will bring Terry to America on one of his tours and then fans here will be able to see The White Eagles in action against the top teams of North America. That could mean that Johnny would stand a chance of not only taking the N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Championship back to Great Britain, but also might take one of the tag team titles as well.

*Inside the ring or outside after the matches, Johnny is one of the best dressers in the mat game.*

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## READERS' PROS AND CONS

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Rivera. I have been watching him wrestle a lot of times, and he is just fantastic. Yet, I have never seen in your great magazine a story on him and I have been reading Wrestling Revue for 3½ years.

I have never seen in your magazine either stories on some great wrestlers such as Chief Jay Strongbow, Gorilla Monsoon, Bulldog Brower, etc. Please, I would like of you will print this letter in your magazine and at the same time I will appreciate if you tell me when in the near future will you have an article on any of the wrestlers I have mentioned above.

Celia Santamaria
Brooklyn, New York

*Victor Rivera clamps a headlock on Beppo Mongol.*

*Editor's Note: Rivera, Monsoon, Strongbow, and Brower have all been subjects of stories in our magazines, Strongbow and Bower just in the last two months. In the near future we plan to have more on Monsoon and Rivera as well.*

**Answer To Previous Puzzle**

WILLIE GILZENBERG
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

# HALL OF FAME

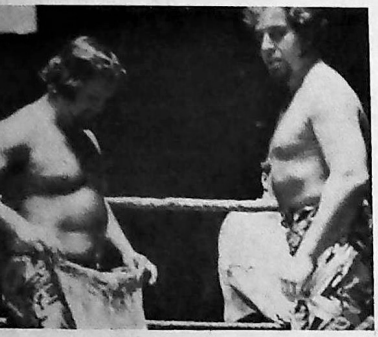
*Willie Gilzenber being congratulated by promoters Abe Ford and Vince McMahon on his election as the president of the World Wide Wrestling Federation.*

Willie Gilzenberg, now the president of the World Wide Wrestling Federation, has been associated with the great sport of wrestling for close to fourty years. Willie, who was long active as a boxing manager, he piloted Freddie "Red" Cochrane to the world welterweight championship in 1940 when he beat Fritzie Zivic in one of the biggest upsets in fistic history. He turned to promoting boxing and wrestling in Newark, N.J., during the World War II years. As the popularity of boxing declined and that of wrestling climbed "Gilly" more and more devoted his time and boundless energies to wrestling, promoting all over the eastern seaboard from New England to Pennsylvania.

With his vast knowledge of the sport and the people in it, it was only natural that when the WWWF was formed that they would choose "The Admiral" to chart the course.

# THE BATTLE THEY STILL TALK ABOUT

## *The Love Brothers VS. Chief White Owl & Luis Martinez*



Reginald and Hartford Love prior to their match with Luis Martinez and Cheif White Owl.

The popular Cheif White Owl enters the ring in full Indian dress amid the cheers of his many fans.

By GEORGE NAPOLITANO

In a cold night in Buffalo not to long ago one of the hottest feuds in wrestling came to a head. The fans in this area were treated to a real battle when the Love Brothers, or "The World's Most Exciting Wrestlers," as they prefer to call themselves, battled the team of Chief White Owl and Luis Martinez.

The Love Brothers, it seems were going around claiming to be the greatest tag-team combination ever to hit Upstate New York. In making their claim they also made derogatory remarks about other wrestlers.

Two of their favorite targets were Luis Martinez and Chief White Owl. "That little Mezican jumping bean and that cigar store Indian are a disgrace to this profession," stated Reginald Love. "They don't know the first thing about wrestling and if we ever get a crack at them we will finish them off once and for all."

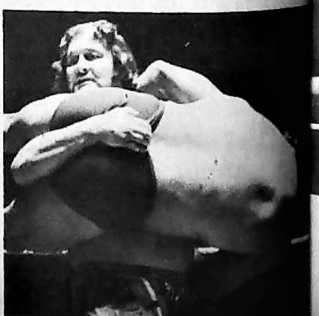
These remarks greatly angered White Owl and Martinez. They wanted desperatly to get back at the Love Brothers for all that they had said. During a TV interview White Owl stated, "We will face them any time, any place, in the ring or even in a dark alley if they want. We are sick and tired of hearing them go around and saying this and that about us. We have one goal in mind and that is to defeat them and prove that we are the better team."

With these words the stage was set for one of the wildest tag-team bouts ever witnessed in the Buffalo area. The team of Martinez and White Owl was the first to be seen in the huge arena. Luis ran down the aisle chanting, "Ariba, Ariba" to all of his many admirers. White Owl followed close behind also chanting and waving to his fans.

The Love Brothers appeared on the opposite side of the ring carrying a can of deodorant. Upon entering, they

The Love Brothers spray the ring with a can of deodorant. They claim they want to get rid of their opponets germs.

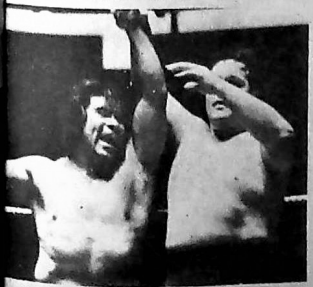
Above: Hartford attempts to choke Luis. Below: Reginald uses Martinez's tights for a grip as he carries Luis to their corner.



Hartford pounds on Martinez as Reginald holds him in the corner.

The Cheif begins his war dance after putting Hartford down with a vicious tomahawk chop.

White Owl throws the Love Brothers from the wrestling ring and Martinez goes out after them.



Luis Martinez and Cheif White Owl with their arms raised in victory.

began spraying the deodorant all around the ring, ridding the area of White Owl's and Martinez's germs. As soon as the preliminary introductions were given, the match swung into high gear.

Reginald was first out for his team and he was opposed by Luis Martinez. Martinez stunned Reginald with a fantastic display of aerial maneuvers. He knocked Reginald around the ring using his wide assortment of flying drop kicks and head scissors. Martinez then tagged off to White Owl and the Chief continued where Luis had left off. White Owl then tried to apply his deadly Cobra hold but Reginald managed to escape and fled to his corner.

Hartford was waiting for the tag and he quickly ran into the ring, catching the Chief off guard. Hartford began to kick and stomp White Owl all around the ring. The Chief, in a weakened condition, tagged off to Martinez. Martinez tried for a quick drop kick but missed.

Hartford, seeing his opening, picked up Martinez and brought him to their corner, where both men worked over Luis unmercifully.

The Chief tried to intervene on several occasions but he was quicly turned away by the referee for being in the ring. Whenever the Chief ran into the ring the other Love Brother would take over pounding on Luis. Martinez was now in a weakened state.

The Chief, in a rage ran into the ring and began to Tomahawk Chop everyone in sight. He knocked both Reginald and Hartford clear out of the ring and on to the floor. White Owl then tried to help Luis get back to their corner but the Love Brothers intervened, jumping on both Luis and White Owl, knocking them to the mat. Reginald and Hartford pounded on the team of Martinez and White Owl without mercy.

The referee had no choice but to disqualify the Love Brothers and award the match to Martinez and White Owl. The Love Brothers, furious over their loss, stormed out of the ring under heavy police protection.

When the referee raised the arms of Chief White Owl and Luis Martinez in victory, the crowd cheered wildly. Martinez took the microphine from the hand of the ring announcer and stated, "We will get back at them for what they've done. We don't care how long it takes, but we will win in the end." After this Luis shouted "Ariba, Ariba, Ariba," and this chant could be heard echoing all around the huge arena.

This feud is still unsettled, but the fans in the Upstate New York area will still be talking about this match for a long, long time to come.

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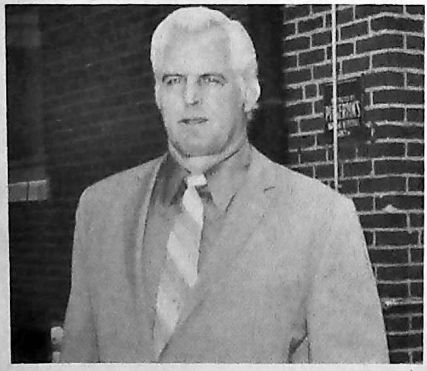

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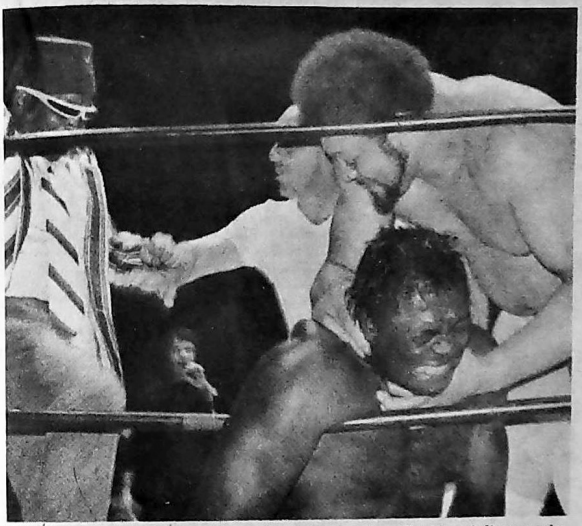
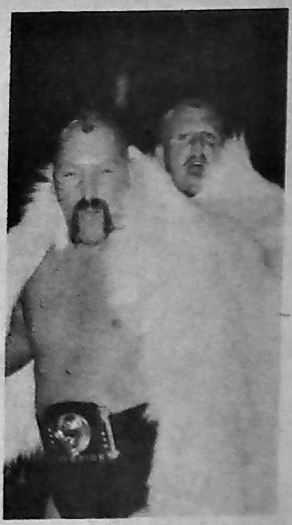
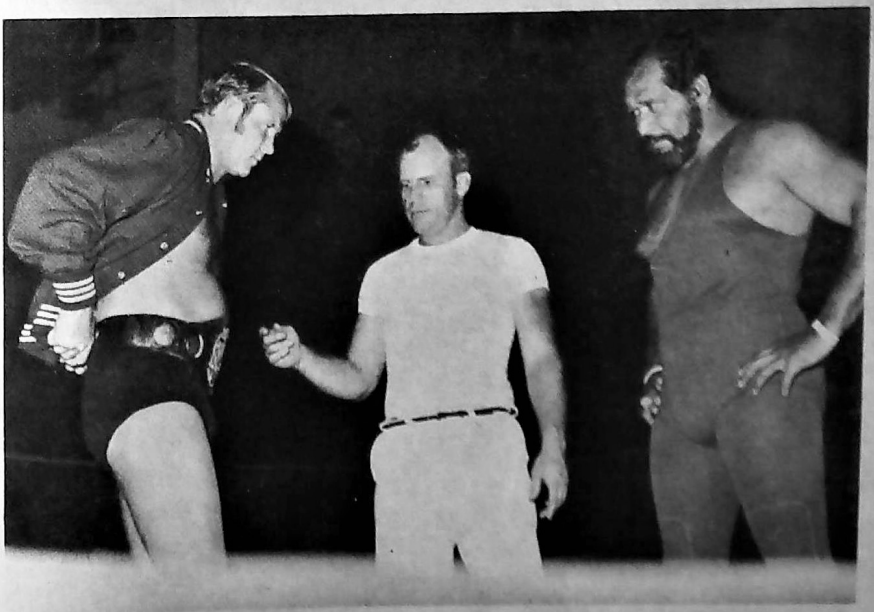


*Ernie Ladd chokes the U. S. Champion, Bobo Brazil, as The Weasel distracts the referee's attention in this winner by Gary Mancuso of Detroit, Michigan.*



*The Fabulous Mongols, Geeto and Beppu, on their way to the ring. This photo was snapped by Joe Friel of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*



*Dory Funk Jr. is about to defend the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship against the challenge of Cyclone Negro in an excellent photo taken by Phillip Rodriguez of North Judson, Indiana.*

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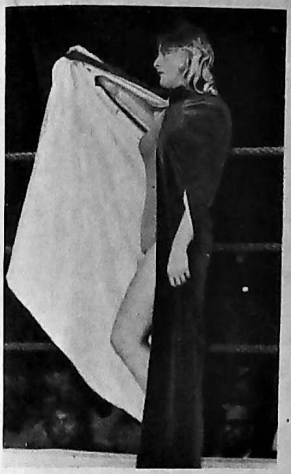
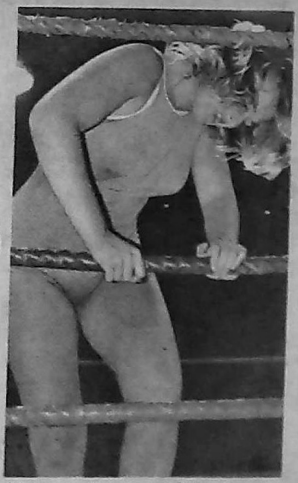
# ACTION IN CHICAGO

By WILLIAM ONDECKO

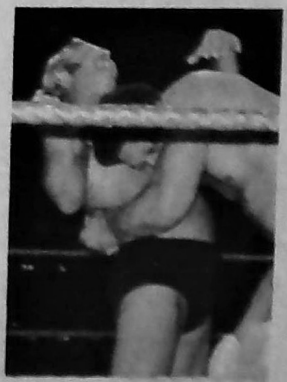


*The beautiful Vivian Vachon takes her bows beofre a wild match with Kay Noble.*

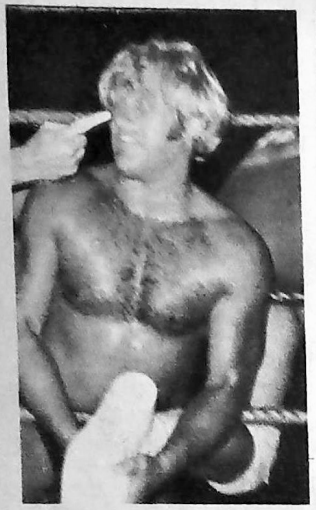


*Vivian is thrown painfully into the ring ropes by Noble.*

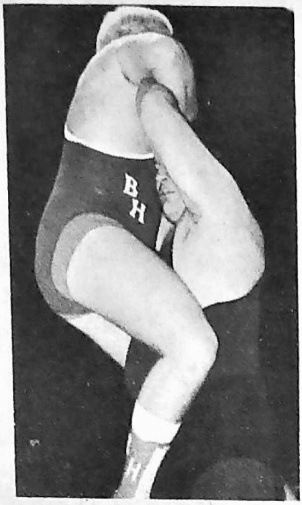
*Above: Photographer Bill Ondecko with wrestler Johnny Kace. Below: Dick the Bruiser rans the heads of Black Jack Lanza and Bobby Heenan together.*



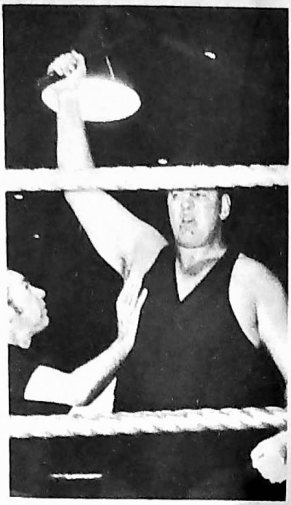
*Big Ernie Laad has Nick Bockwinkel screaming in pain as a result of a bearhug.*



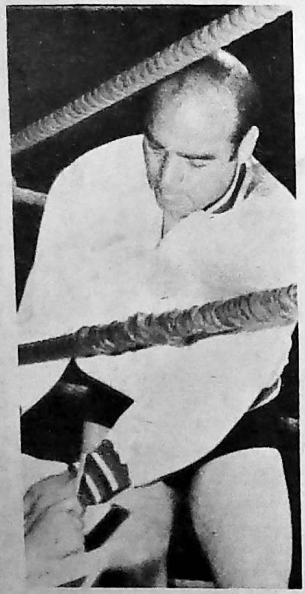
*Bockwinkel was disqualified when he tried to work on Ladd's leg outside the ropes.*



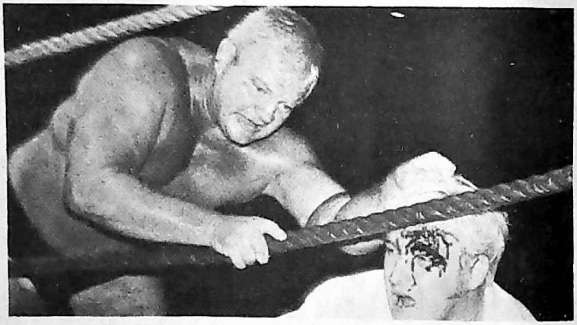

*Big Bill Miller used a neckbraker on Bobby Heenan to end their match.*



*Big Bill grabbed a policeman's stick and attempted to use it on Heenan, but the referee held him back.*

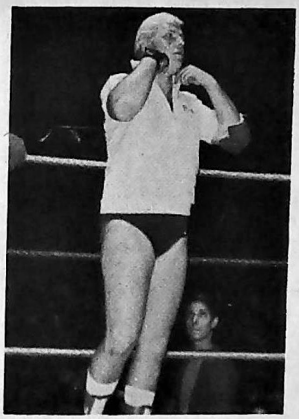


*The very popular Joe Scarpello signs autographs for the fans prior to his match.*



*Heenan really ended up a bloody mess when he tried to interfere with Dick the Bruiser who was mauling Bobby's protege, Black Jack Lanza.*

*Big Bill Miller toyes with Heenan before he defeats the vocal manager.*



*Bobby Heenan the wrestler hasn't fared as well as Heenan the manager in Chicago action.*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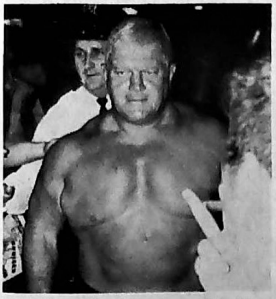

*Dick the Bruiser is the hero of the fans in the city of Chicago.*


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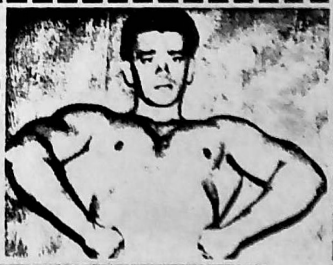

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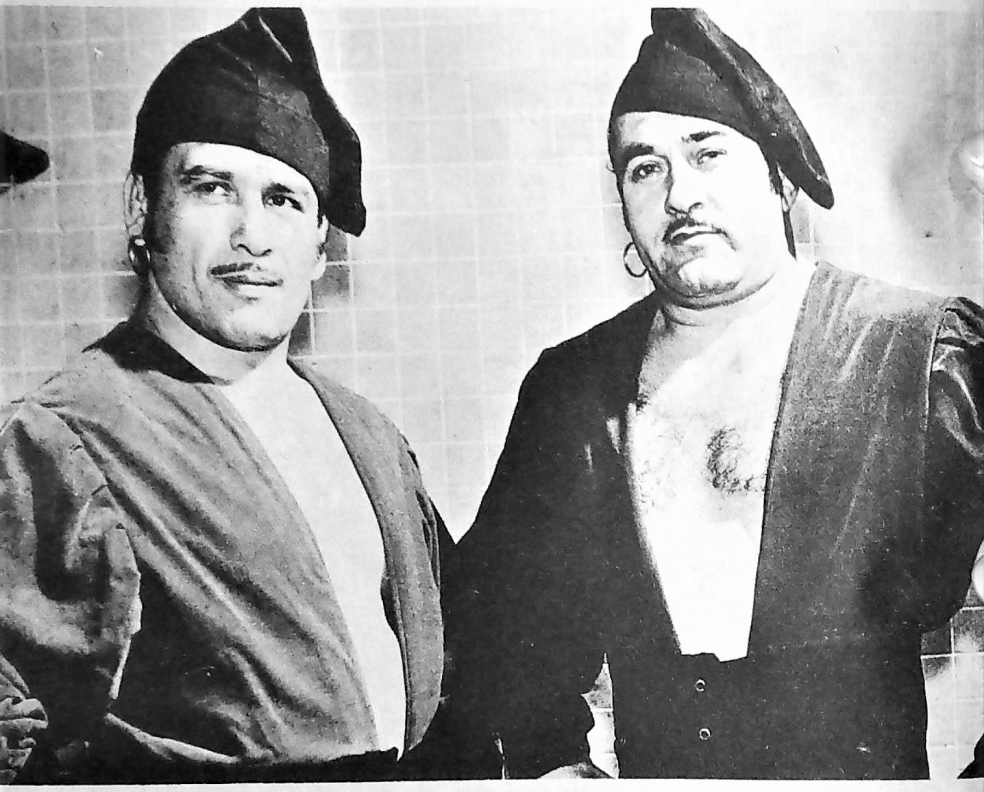

Corsica Jean and Corsica Joe were once a top tag team throughout the southern United States, holding many regional titles.

By GENTLEMAN
SAUL WEINGEROFF

Corsica Jean with his brother, Corsica Joe, won many titles, the most important of which was the Texas Tag Team Championship in the 50's.

At that time they were the No. 1 team in the country.

Corsica Jean and Corsica Joe are pretty much retired from active wrestling nowadays, though Joe, who lives in Henderson, Tenn. dons his wrestling tights once in a while. Most of his time is taken up by his work as an executive with Double Cola in Tennessee.

Corsica Jean promotes wrestling in Covington, Ga., and is a partner in a modern trailer park known as Loop 81 Trailer. Jean and his wife, the former girl wrestler, Betty Garcia, have a two-year-old son, Jean Jr.

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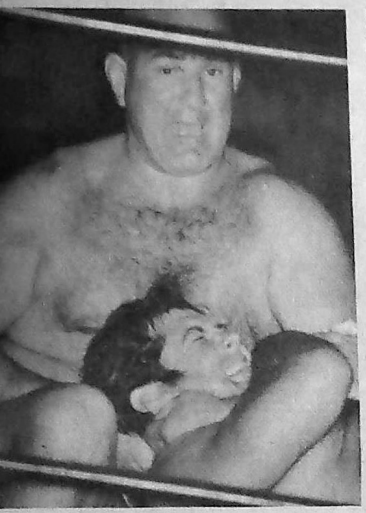
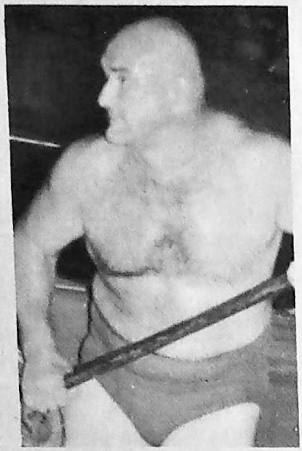
# BRUTE BERNARD

## VILLAIN AMONG VILLAINS

By JIM REEVES



One of Brute Bernard's favorite grips is the choke hold. He softens an opponet up with the illegal manouver.



When the going gets rough, Bernard gets rougher. Here he goes outside the ring to pick up a weapon.

Above: Sometimes the roughness backfires. Bernard is put down himself. Below: The Bola match covered previously was one of the roughest in wrestling history.

Another match in which the rough Brute specializes is the cage match, this time in a tag team event.

Who is the meanest, vicious, the most brutal wrestler today? Travel across this great land, and into different wrestling circuits you undoubtedly will get many different answers.

Ths fans in Detroit would have to cast their votes for none other than the Sheik. Many grapplers have spent countless hours in hospitals due to the Sheik's wild tactics. Then out Southern California way, there's brutal John Tolos: look what he did to Freddie Blassie. Most of the fans down Georgia way would give their votes to the two bad guys known as the Assassins.

Wrestlers like the Claw, Mad Dog, Butcher Vachon, Johnny Valentine, Fritz Von Erich, George Steele, Tarzan Tyler, Hans Schmidt, Blackjack Mulligan, and many other villians would recieve their share of votes for the meanest, roughest, most brutal professional wrestler in action today. All of these grapplers are hated, no matter which circuit they might be appearing on.

To the fans in the Carolinas and Virginia, Brute Bernard would win by a landslide. This guy is actually crazy. I don't know who gave him the name of Brute, but it fits him perfectly. Once he gets into that ring, a brute he is from start to finish.

As Bernard heads down the aisle towards the ring before the start of one of his matches, his shoulders are slumped, and he is making unintelligable, animal-like sounds. If he happens to be wearing his Atlantic Coast Tag Team belt which he shares with The Missouri Mauler, he is always wearing it upside down. As he enters into the ring, he is ready to do battle, no matter who his opposition may be. At times, he doesn't even wait for the introductions. He is on top of his opponet even before the bell sounds, kicking, punching, stomping, gouging, and biting. It is unbelievable what kind of tactics this brutal man will use to win a match, and he wins at least 95 percent of his matches. If his opponet starts to get the best of him, he will jump out of the ring and start tearing up chairs and tables, or anything that he might get his hands on, to use to smash over his opponets head or on his limbs.

The Brute has injured numerous

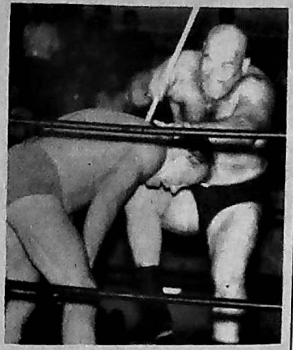
wrestlers by using tables, chairs, or other foreign objects. He has injured such fan favorites as Johnny Weaver, George Becker, and Argentina Apollo. During an Eastern Heavyweight Championship title match between Argentina Apollo and Bernard's tag team partner, the Missouri Mauler, who was the Eastern Heavyweight Champion at the time, Apollo was on his way to an easy victory in two straight falls. He had the Mauler in an airplane spin and was about to pin him. Out of the audience came Bernard, dressed in his street clothes and wearing big heavy boots. He knocked the referee down, and broke Apollo's airplane spin hold on the Missouri Mauler. Then Missouri Mauler held Apollo's hand down on the mat as Bernard stomped it for several minutes. The Missouri Mauler was disqualified, but his title was saved by the Brute.

Argentina Apollo not only ended up without the belt, he also ended up with a hairline fracture of the wrist. Apollo had to wear his wrist in a cast for several weeks, this incident added fire to a feud which has been going on for several months between Apollo and Bernard along with the Missouri Mauler. Apollo swore that he was going to get revenge on the Mauler and especially Brute Bernard, and from this derived one of the greatest wrestling matches which I have ever had the pleasure of viewing. It also marked the first time that I have ever seen Brute Bernard taste defeat.

The match took place in Charleston, S.C., and both wrestlers had agreed to a Bola Match, this is a most dangerous type of match. In a Bola Match, at both ends of an eight feet strap, there is a wooden ball. Each grappler grips a wooden ball in his left hand while wrestling. This type of match takes a certain amount of skill and ability, which is somewhat different than the skill you would use in a regular wrestling match.

Before the referee could get the strap attached to Bernard's hand, the Brute had opened a deep cut in his opponet's forehead, with a piece of steel which he had hidden in his trunks. This occured while Apollo was pulling his sweater over his head.

Once the referee managed to get the strap around Bernard's hand, the acrobatic style of Apollo was too much for the Brute. The match ended with both wrestlers bleeding very



**Bernard uses a knee and a stick at the same time in this double barreled attack on George Becker.**

badly, but Apollo managed to obtain the pin.

Since this match Brute Bernard has bruised Apollo's ribs by stomping him several times during a tag team match between Brute Bernard and the Missouri Mauler vs Argentina Apollo and Johnny Weaver, and this feud is still going on. Who will come out on top, time will only tell.

Brute Bernard shares the Atlantic Coast Tag Team title with the Missouri Mauler. Colonel Homer O'Dell is now managing this fearsome team, which makes them even more devastating. They have defended their title and defeated such teams as, Nelson Royal and Paul Jones; Jerry Brisco and Sandy Scott; George Becker and Johnny Weaver; and Argentina Apollo and Johnny Weaver.

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Yes, Brute Bernard is the meanest, vicious, most brutal wrestler in this area, but he is a very exciting grappler and one of the best. All of his matches are action-packed, so if you get an oppertunity to see this man in action, go. You'll leave the arena knowing you have been thrilled by the actions of a great wrestler.


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# THE BRITISH WRESTLING SCENE

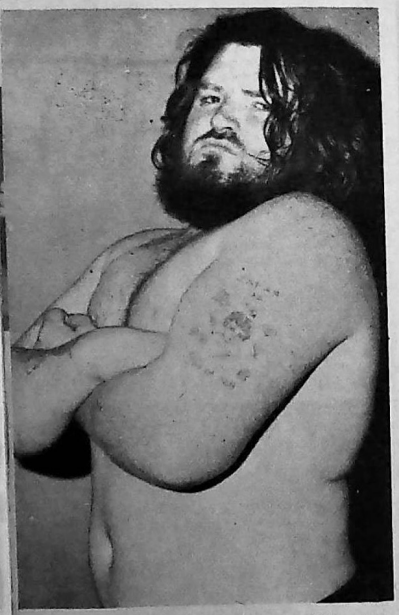
By BRIAN DIXON

Don McCormack, one of the members of the Scotish Soldiers Tag Team.

This man from the West Indies is known as The Zulu.

Most welcome news from the Wrestling Federation of Great Britain. A heavyweight tournament is to take place to determine the official European Heavyweight tag team champions. Twenty wrestlers have been picked to take part in this event, with the ten teams fighting it out in preliminaries, semifinals and finals over the next few months.

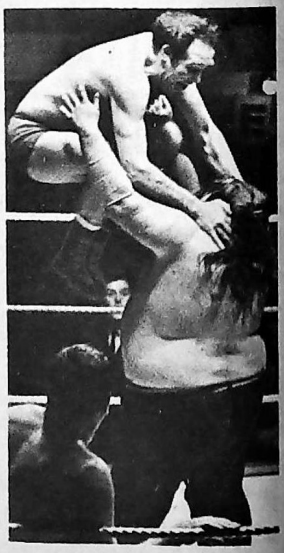
The teams that have been picked to represent their countries are: Count Bartelli and Gordon Corbett from England, Bronco Jack Cassidy and Chief Thunderbird from Canada, the Klondyke Brothers from Alaska, Orig Williams and Gyne Sullivan from Wales, the masked stars Dr. Death and The Outlaw, both thought to come from the United States; Don McCormack and Jock Campbell from



From Alaska comes 245 stone Klondyke Jack. . .

. . .and his brother 325 stone Klondyke Bill.

World traveled Cowboy Jack Cassidy of Canada.



Count Bartelli and Gordon Corbett tangle with the Klondyke Brothers in a tag match.

Scotland, Jumping Jim Mosa and The Zulu from the West Indies, Seamus Haggerty and Mad Mick from Ireland, Russia's Rasputin and Turi Borizaff, and finally, from Blackpool, the Pye Brothers, Dominic and Casey.

Let's now take a closer look at the contestants, who they were drawn to meet, and I'll give you my personal opinion of how the action shapes up.

First team out of the hat were the Dubliners, Mad Mick and Seasus Hagerty. Although they have many fans all over the country who like their wrestling fast and furious with a touch of comedy, the Dubliners have very little chance of getting through the semifinals in such a top calibre field. They drew the masked Dr. Death and The Outlaw as their opponents. For my money, the masked man should get right through to the finals, provided they keep to the rules and are not disqualified early on.

Next out of the hat were the Mesa/Zula West Indian Black Knights, who boast victories over such over such famous teams as the Black Diamonds, White Eagles and the Saints, among others. Zulu/Mesa will have a tough proposition when they tackle the Klondyke Brothers, for I believe the Alaskan riot squad will get to the finals, provided they keep to the rules. The Klondyke Brothers probably are the most experienced tag team in the tournament, and their weight advantage alone could enable them to bulldoze through all opposition.

The third set of names drawn from the hat were Canadian stars Jack Cassidy and Thunderbird, two great wrestlers who have travelled all over the world. They were drawn to meet the Russians, Rasputin and Borizaff. This one I would like to judge. Both teams are hard and experienced; possibly the tomahawk chop of Thunderbird could pull through the Canadian team.

The Scots, McCormack and Campbell, were drawn against Blackpool's Pye Brothers. The Scots are not easy opposition for any wrestlers, but when the Pye brothers dish out their ruthless brand of wrestling I wonder if McCormack/Campbell can take it. For my money it will be the Blackpool team to get through.

Final names – and this could be the match of the entire tournament – were Bartelli/Corbett and Williams/Sullivan. These are four of the fastest, most skillful all-action wrestlers. I predict the experience of Count Bartelli will show and get the team through.

Now let's take a further look at the teams that I believe will make it through to the finals.

Count Bartelli/Gordon Corbett have had many a team match together and have proved themselves against the rough, tough teams. They can soak up punishment and come back for more. They can keep up with the swift pace of modern tag team wrestling, indeed, they thrive on it. They always keep to the rules. Both are individual champions: Bartelli the Commonwealth heavyweight champion and Corbett the official Midland area champion. They definitely have a good chance of coming out on top in this special tag championship.

The Pye brothers are two very tough heavyweights with both amateur and professional experience. These two men will pull out every trick in the book to win the tournament. Their ring style is aggressive. They run the risk of disqualification unless they are most careful to stay within the rules.

Cassidy and Thunderbird are a team with a world-rated backing behind them. They have travelled extensively, wrestling in Pakistan, Turkey, Canada, Germany, Belgium and Spain, and both have long lists of solo victories.

The masked team, Dr. Death and The Outlaw, also are well travelled. The Outlaw recently returned from a highly successful tour that took him to Japan and the United States. Meanwhile, Dr. Death was campaigning successfully in this country. Both have many ring enemies; they rank high on everyone's unpopularity poll.

Finally, the Alaskan Riot Squad, the undefeated Klondyke Brothers. They have never lost a match on falls or submission, only on a disqualification. They, too, are world travellers and much feared wherever they go. They were a sensation in Pakistan. Shortly after this tournament ends they will embark for Turkey, Italy and India. But first they plan to win the official tag team championship of Europe.

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# INSIDE EUROPEAN WRESTLING

By MICHEL BEZY

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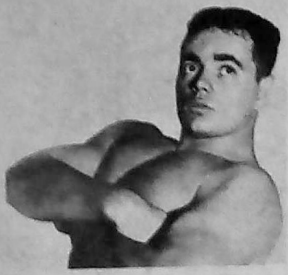
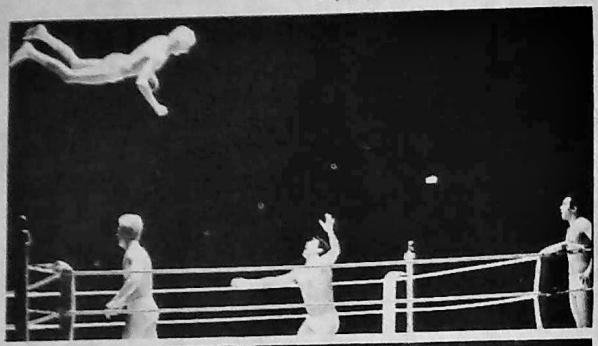
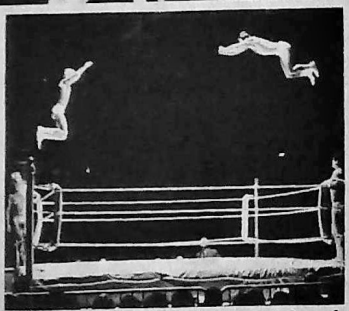


Handsome Bert Sarthou has become the idol of female wrestling fans.

Horst Hoffman is considered the best heavyweight in Europe by many experts.





Combination wrestler-acrobats have become very popular on the promotions of Albert-Lafeuille. This event was billed as "All-in wrestling of the year 2000."

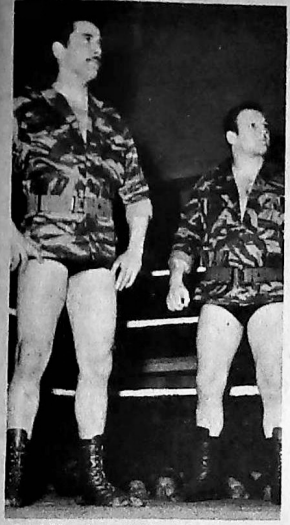
The all-in wrestler, Albert Lafeuille, better known under the name of Ted Lamar, has just created "All-in Wrestling of the Year 2000." This super-attraction which has been shown on the television, is truly a show of great quality. The actor-wrestlers are sometimes propelled several meters into the air. The exploits are completely out of the common.

We watched the first performance of this new form of wrestling during the great "journalists" evening when we saw the famous France-Portugal match. . .The lights were dimmed for the paaearance of the four moon-men, several multi-color floodlights were focused on the antagonists of the evening as they arrived dressed as cosmo-nauts.

All-in wreslting of the Year 2000 is traditional wrestling plus a very special method perfected by Albert Lafeuille, which permits the wrestlers-acrobats to be projected 18 feet high during the relays. It is an acrobatic show of great art. The wrestlers make fantastic leaps. The Portuguese, Nino De la Rossa and Pepito Bravisso, were obliged to give in to our brilliant compatriots, Francis Louis and Paul Stux.

We are absolutely certain that the American public would enjoy this super-attraction which is really out of the ordinary, and this is why we would ask foreign organizers to get in touch with us for the exclusivity of this original and stupefying attraction.

The new tigress of the ring, Paule Giret, with the gypsy style, is really a perfect female wrestler. After a very hard fight lasting forty minutes, she beat the champion of France, Hellen Bonnel, who is certainly not a beginner. . .Paule Giret is a name to be



Fred Magnier and Pierre Pouanet form a tag team known as Les Legionnaires.

Charles Raffi is both a top weight lifter and wrestler. He is another strongman to take to the pro mat.

remembered. Moreover, she has been engaged for the forthcoming tournament of Nogaro where she will confront the best women wrestlers of the moment: Nadine Lasnier, Jennifer Mick, Blanche Brown, Brut Mercier, Olga Diennesch, Steffi Scholtz, Mildred Van Lloyd, Anne de Flore, Lina Magnani, Odile Senegal, Hellen Bonnell and Babette Carol.

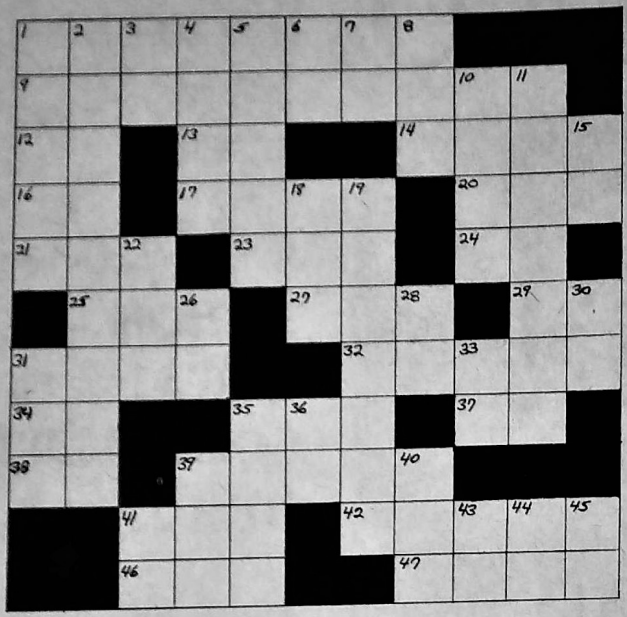
My friend Paul Marton is always ahead of the game. After having been one of the great stars of the Hungarian team he has finally settled in Paris, right in the heart of Pigalle, and he has become one of the best French impresarios. His wrestlers are all well-known. They are welcomed in rings throughout the world. The best known are Walter Bordes, Gil Voinay, Cesar Viltard, Pierre Payen and Andre Drapp.

The city of Bordeaux has won for itself the envied title of "French Wrestling Capital." From 1900 to the present day, rings all over the world have been seeking wrestlers from Bordeaux. In 1900 the famous Maurice Gambier and his not less famous emulator, Ulysse Deriaz, made the great days of the Folies Bergeres.

The spectators of the period trembled with excitement as they watched these two winning gold belts, one after the other.

Much later, the exceptional Manou Mathieu was a perfect world champion; between 1960 and 1970, Bordeaux launched a multitude of champions in the world of professional wrestling. The best known of these are Walter Bordes, Nick Sanders, who shone under the hood of the Black Mask, the colossal Roger Courtoux, who is also an anonymous wrestler under the awful mask of the Human Beast; the marvelous Jack de Montalier with the physique of Kirk Douglas; the incredible Christ Perliet and Yan Zirlish who are the celebrated "Blousons de la Mort"; Charles Raffi, who has estraordinary physical force and who, before becoming a wrestler, displayes his force by manipulating dumb-bells and weights; the very handsome Bert Sarthou, who has become the idol of the feminine public; the two famous Parachutists (Christ Dieu and Kiki Jhons); the popular Robert Nourtari, nicknamed Monsieur 100,000 Volts; strong-armed Stan Davezac; and the cruel gypsy El Gitano. They continue to carry aloft the flame of the Bordeaux stable.

# WRESTLING REVUE "SPORTS-WORD" PUZZLE



By JOE MORGAN

## ACROSS

1. Very skillful wrestler in the south (2 wds.)
9. Bruno ....., wrestling strongman from Italy.
12. Chief Big Heart amy be seen in one of these (abbreviation)
13. Initials of Ann Monroe, lady grappler.
14. ..... Hunter, villian wrestler in the south.
16. Initials of Ray Appolon, wrestler from Belgium.
17. Bob ....., wrestler in the south.
20. ..... Toros, tough grappler.
21. ..... Wiki Wiki, wrestler from Hawaii.
23. ..... Hart, rough mat star.
24. Initials of villian grappler Art Nelson.
25. ..... Pae Pae, tough grappler.
27. Southern State where wrestling matcher can be seen (abbreviation)
29. Northern section of the United States where wrestling matches are held (abbreviation)
31. Belonging to wrestler, Ben Justice.
32. Spiros ....., very skillful mat star.
33. Initials of Igor Rasputin, wrestler in Britain.
35. ..... Wolff, popular grappler.
37. Dory Funk ....., wrestler that defeated Gene Kiniski for the N.W.A. championship.
38. Wrestling matches are held in this state (abbreviation)
39. ..... Starr, acrobatic wrestler.
41. What most villian wrestlers do in the ring.
42. ..... Jackie, midget wrestler.
46. ..... Judol, tough grappler.
47. ..... Maynard, skillful grappler.

## DOWN

1. ..... -ette, masked lady wrestler.
2. ..... ..... Negra, skillful grappler (2 wds.)
3. Initials of wrestling immortal Toots Mondt.
4. Billy ....., tough grappler.
5. Bull ....., villian wrestler.
6. Initials of wrestler, Rock Rogowski.
7. Initials of Enrique Torres, grappler.
8. ..... Clements, tough grappler.
10. ....., lady wrestler.
11. Pat ....., top notch grappler.
15. Initials of Kathy Starr, lady wrestler.
18. Mr. ....., villian grappler.
19. Stan ....., tough grappler.
22. ..... Gilmour, mat star.
26. Country where wrestling is very popular (abbreviation)
28. Initials of Antonio Rocca, acrobatic wrestler.
30. Initials of grappler El Negro.
31. ..... Bad John, tough wrestler.
33. Initials of 46 across.
35. ..... Marez, lady wrestler.
36. Initials of "The Flying Frenchman," Ed Carpentier.
30. A wrestler could easily break one in the ring.
40. Wrestler Pat Barrett came from this country (abbreviation)
41. Ski ..... Lee, British grappler.
43. Initials of Irma Acevedo, lady wrestler.
44. Dory Funk ....., father of 37 across.
45. Last two initials of 41 down.

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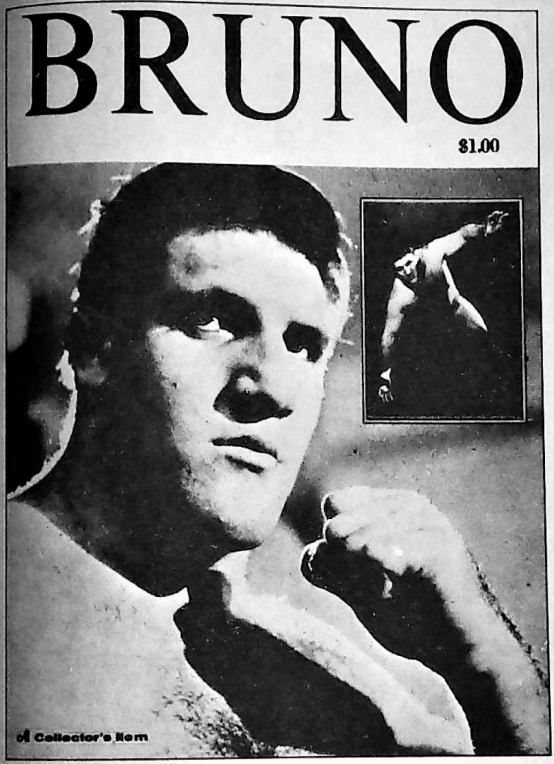


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# FAN CLUB CHATTER

By DON WILSON

Welcome to another issue of Fan Club Chatter, and while I'm at it, I wish to mention about sending money to fan clubs. Sometimes there are some problems at the local banks about cashing chevks made payable to the club. So when sending ejecks or money orders, it is best to make them payable to the club president.

I have recirved a few fan club publications that contain incorrect items. One item that has been in various club bulletins, is the statement about the W.W.W.F. and the N.W.A. To set the record straight these two groups did not merge. However, Vince Mahon did join the National Wrestling Alliance, of which at this writing, Mr. Sam Michnick is president. The N.W.A. is the oldest and most universally recognized as the Alliance. There are however, some other groups, for example the American Wrestling Alliance. These two could be somewhat compared to the American and National football league.

Wish to remind you of the W.F.I.A.Mail Order Raffle, in which everyone is a winner of something, thanks to the many donations recieved. Send $1.00 and 8 cents stamp to Tom Burke, W.F.I.A. President, P.O.Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo. 63135.

This month is the anniversary of the Wrestling Report Fan Club, five years, this is the oldest active club I know of, and the dues have stayed the same since 1967, 25 cents a single issue or $1.50 a year. I'm sure club president Mike Tenay, 8952 Mills Ane., Whittier, Calif. 90605, is very proud of his club as well he should be. Thanks, Mike, for the current issue.

Another outstanding club publication is the Wrestling Information Bulletin, P.O. Box 1807, Rockford, Ill. 61110. 32 pages including the cover, with professional printing, and well done, makes some excellent reading for only 60 cents a copy. This club started off well, and has continued to improve, I certainly recommend it.

I recently had a P.O. Box address for the PEPPER GOMEZ FAN CLUB, under the direction of Frank Cather, but evidently the box was closed, as a couple of my letters came back so marked. Heard from Frank, and the address he gave me was 1184 Sherman St., San Jose, Calif. 95110, and he sent

*Dawn Zimpter is a fan who is interested in becoming a professional wrestler herself.*

me the 8x10 photo for the club, and last month I reveived the first club bulletin. Dues are $2.00 a year for the photo, membership card and quarterly bulletins.

My good friend, Michel Bezy, "Les Genets" 3 Rue de Chambord, 33 Pessac, France, would like to exchange material, photos & films, Hartman & Kobel, old magazines, Peerless sales cartoons, wrestling comics, posters from Chicago & Madison Square Garden, illustrated programs. Trade 10 photos for 10 programs, same for posters, 30 photos for 15 magazines, 50 photos for 2 films, all action female. Thanks, Michel, for the sample photos.

The smaples of Jim Reeves' photos were very good. You can obtain his list by sending an s.a.e. to Jim at P.O. Box 4529, Charleston Heights, S.C. 29405.

Janette Vega, 717 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11221, would like to buy photos of BLACKJACK'S LANZA & MULLIGAN with manager BOBBY HEENAN. She would also like pen pals from Japan and California.

Send a buck to George Figueroa, 823 Hunts Point Ave., number 4E., Bronx, N.Y. 10474, for his list of over 200 grapplers' results, plus a puzzle game.

Ralph Thomas, Jr., 620 35th St., Bessemer, Ala. 35020, would like to hear from fans of Don Carson, and fans in Nashville, Mobile and the West coast.

Thanks to Christine Copelen, prexie of the Mr. Wrestling Fan Club for sending a copy of the first club publication, 10 pages and cover, and the dues are $2.50 a year for the membership card, photo and monthly bulletin. The club address is P.O. Box 774, Alachua, Fla. 32615.

Received list and sample of good action shot, which is available for $1.00 from Milcó Enterprises, P.O. Box 343, Patton, Calif. 92369, who have obtained a collection of negatives of pro and amateur girl wrestlers from photographer, Phil Miller.

Just received the first issue of NORTH EAST WRESTLING SCENE, from Tony Sofio and Roy DeFichy, 659 Pricilla Place, Seaford, N.Y. 11783. Dues are $2.50 a year or 35 cents for the monthly bulletin, this issue was 15 pages and cover, with stories and results from the east coast.

This club gives its readers good coverage of the distaff side of the mat scene, and I wish to recommend, if the membership is not yet full, that is the PGW, (Professional Girl Wrsetlers), P.O. Box 945, Springfiels, Mass.01101, write to Tom Roberts, Editor, sending an s.a.e. to find out if they are still accepting memberships. Thanks Tom for the current issue, really enjoyed it.

Thanks to Rosie Macumber, Prexie of the EDOUARD CARPENTIER FAN CLUB for sending the recent culb bulletin, always enjoy this club, and the bulletins are quite interesting. Write to Rosie at 221 Jasper Dr., Security, Colo. 80911, for complete

information. Almost forgot to mention Donna Kennedy, Vice President., who writes some excellent stories for the bulletin. Try it, you'll like it.

THE TRI-STATE WRESTLING NEW, published monthly by Lon Paskowitz, 24 Brighton 10 Path, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235, contained 12 pages and cover, and only 30 cents an issue or $3.00 a year.

Mike Cope, Rt. number 1, Calhoun, Tenn. 37309, would like to hear from women around his area interseted in joining a wrestling club. Mike also collects photos of girls flexing their arm muscles.

Recieved the current bulletin from Steve Midbust, Prexie of the NORTHWEST REPORT FAN CLUB, with his bi-monthly issue of six pages and cover. Dues are $2.00 to join and $1.50 for renewal, send the money to Steve at 121 Bauer Lane. Eugene, Ore. 97402.

Want to remind you all about Walter Wolansky Jr., and his W.W.W.F. ANNUAL, 20 pages for 50 cents and three 8 cent stamps. Walt's address is 1187 East Ninth Sr., Eddystone, Pa. 19013.

Michael Feldman, 1690 Watson Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10472, sent the current copy of his NEW YORK CITY MAT NEWS, 8 pages and cover, sample copy for a quarter and two 8 cent stamps, or 12 issues for $2.75 and two 8 cent stamps.

Thanks to my good friend Gene Gordon, 419 S7lvania Ave., Charlotte, N.C. 28206, for sending me some of his excellent photos for my collection. For his list, send long self-addressed envelope for the 8x10 color and B&W photos, both action and posed, of the girl grapplers.

Reseived signed permission slip for a club for BRUTE BERNARD & THE MISSOURI MAULER, from Penny Green, 110 Charles St., Havelock, N.C. 28532. Dues are $2.00 a year for a membership card, 8x10 photo and either bi-monthly or quarterly bulletins.

Programs, posters, newspaper photos, club publication, European programs and handbills, other items, a full $5.00 value for only $2.50 and two 8 cent stamps. Send to Sale Package, WFIA, P.O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo. 63135.

Thanks to John Wesolowsli, 3415 Wellington St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19149, for sending his current issue if THE VILLIANS OF WRESTLING FAN CLUB publication, still 40 cents per issue.

Thanks to Larry Korn, who is Convention Chariman for this year, for his list of available photos and the excellent sample copy. Send an s.a.e. to Larry at Jeff Walton, 1801 So. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90015.

*Tony Marino and Janette Vega at Sunnysid e Garden in New York.*

VANCOUVER WRESTLING FAN CLUB, headed by Andrew Carmichael, 2157 W. 57th Ave., Vanouver 14, B.C. Canada, sent the current issue of their club bulletin. Dues rae $3.00 a year and the bullerins are bi-monthly.

THE TAMPA SCENE is another fine club, operated by Scott Teal, 3208 23rd Ave. W., Bradenton, Fla. 33505. Scott has been mailing the monthly bulletins in regularly, and I sure enjoy them, only 35 cents each or $3.00 a year.

John and Ken Mihalik have a game of wrestling avaulable for $2.75. They sent me a copy, it looks easy to learn, but I simply haven't had the time yet to try it. For your copy write to John at 1059 Leeds Ave., Monessen, Penn. 15062.

WRESTLING RESULTS FROM N.Y., LA, AUSTRALIA, etc, is the name of the monthly journal sent by club prexie Stuart Saks, 14 Mitchell Ave., Plainview, N.Y. 11803, and only 35 cents per issue.

Another well-run club is the NEW ENGLAND WWWF NEWS, and Terry Allen does a good job with keeping the members informed. Five issues for $1.00 or 25 cents for sample copy, and Terry's address is 110 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, Mass. 01945. Thanks, Terry, for the current issue.

IN & OUT OF THE RING, is a new club started by Wally Jaczkowski, 3628 E. Kirby, Detroit, Mich. 48211. Dues are 20 cents each for the monthly newsletter. Thanks for sending your first issue, Wally.

Send an s.a.e. for interesting list of available rubber stamps, to Minkey's Rubber Stamps, 2563 West Barton Square, Fresno, Calif. 93725.

Thanks to Joe Fernandez, 319 Sweeney St., San Fransisco, Calif. 94134, for sending current issue of S.F. ALL STAR WRESTLING NEWSLETTER. 35 cents an issue for the monthly publication or $2.00 a year.

Bill Otten, 46-25 247th St., Douglaston, N.Y. 11362, advises he is dropping his newsletter, by the time this reaches print.

One of the highly rated clubs that remain consistant, is the BOSTON RING NEWS, headed by Allan Casso & Neal Berger. The monthly bulletins are 40 cents each or 6 issues for $2.00. Write to Allan at 12 Lake Ave., Sharon, Mass., 02067 or Neal at 228 E. Foxboro St., Sharon, Mass. 02067.

Brenda Saylor, 2216 48th St., Galveston, Tex. 77550, would like to hear fron fans of DORY FUNK JR., DEAN HO, WAHOO MCDANIEL & GEORGE SCOTT' Brenda is a big fan of girl wrestling and would like to join or start an amateur club in her area.

Received a signed permission slip from Linda Romans, 3762 Lenta Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40215, to start a TOJO YAMAMOTO FAN CLUB. Complete details available by writing Linda.

Another new club, this one from KEVIN SULLIVAN, and received the signed permission slip from Sheri Crowder, 500 Alger Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40214. Dues are $2.50 a year for membership card, 8x10 photo, club button, and a monthly bulletin.

Debbie Madden, 6818 Brandt Park, Apt B, Dayton, Ohio 45424, advises she is dropping the FRED CURRY FAN CLUB, due to lack of communication with Fred. Sorry to see the club go, Debbie did a fine job.

Randy Socia, 22101 Gratiot Apt.126, East Detroit, Mich. 48021, would like tp hear from mat fans around the country.

Alan Adler, Prexie of the MANUEL SOTO FAN CLUB, sent a membership card and copy of his one page newsletter, which is monthly. Dues are

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$2.50 a year or sample copy (which applies to membership) for 25 cents. Write Alan at 26 Wildedge Lane, Holmdel, N.J. 07733.

Sharon Ammons, Prexie of the NORTHWEST NEWS & VIEWS FAN CLUB, advises that due to personal problems, she must drop the club. Sharon's address is 3007 N.E. Jarrett, Portland, Ore. 97211.

Louis Green, 2911 Brighton 5th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235, has started a club called WRESTLING MAT REPORT. Dues are $2.25 for six months, 50 cents a copy. He sent his first issue which was 12 pages and cover. Bulletins are monthly and contain various results from around the country.

As usual Ken Bruce, prexie of the TEXAS WRESTLING RESULTS, has a fine publication. His monthly bulletins contain match descriptions, etc, and are well worth the price of 3 for $1.00. Send your loot to Ken at 1045 Doddridge, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78411.

Stan Galanski, 302 West Cherry St., New Castle, Pa. 16102, sent his now quarterly issue of WRESTLING ACTION, only 40 cents per issue and contained 13 pages plus cover.

Wayne Elliott 6020 Irving St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19139, and Joseph Junod Jr., 1226 Federal St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19139, have combined their photo lists, send an s.a.e. for same.

Thanks to Vicki Jackson, U.S. representitive for the PETER MAIVIA FAN CLUB, for sending the current newsletter. Vicki's new address is 805 Ford Court, Modesto, Calif. 95350. For those of you living outside the U.S. or Canada, write to club prexie Dorothy Paget, 18 Homefield Road, Pucklychurch, Bristol, B.S. 17 3GD, England.

The Flying Marlin News is the name of the monthly newsletter sent by Dorothy Smith of the EDDIE MARLIN FAN CLUB. Dues are $2.50 a year for club membership card, 8x10 photo and the monthly newsletters. Write Dorothy at 5517 Rustic Way, Louisville, Ky. 40210.

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Danny Thomas, 624 Myers Lane, Greensboro, N.C. 27408, has wrestling magazines for sale.

Jeff Cooper, 2145 W. Arthur, Chicago, Ill. 60645, is starting a club callee MAT REPORT, and it will be bi-monthly, sample copy 35 cents. Jeff would like some correspondents around the country.

H.T. (Hank) Hoshino, Azabujuban Jutaku Ste. 506, number 9 2-chrome, Azabujuban, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106, Japan, would like to obtain the book "From Milo to Londos"

Joseph Riccardi, 23-21 143rd St., Whitestone, N.Y. 11357, would like to hear from fans of BRUNO SAMMARTINO, JAY STRONGBOW, HATSTACKS CALHOUN & MIL MASCARAS.

Marty Flaherty, 184 Monticello Ave., Dorchester, Mass. 02125, has started a club called, BOSTON GARDEN WRESTLING REPORT. Dues are $3.00 a year, sample for 35 cents, for the monthly bulletin.

Randy Guetersohn, 3950 South 57th Street., Milwaukee, Wis. 53220, sent a sample of his grab bags, selling for $1.25, well worth the money.

Larry Floyd, 10316 Baron Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63136, will pay $1.00 for the April 19, 1971 Kiel Auditorium wrestling program.

Dawn Zimpfer, Box 114, Winthrop, Iowa 50682, is studying Karate and is interested in wrestling amateur and perhaps professional.

Thanks to Bill DeLage, 115-17 Linden Blvd., So. Ozone Park, N.Y. 11420, send his current issue of THE TURNBUCKLE. Dues are $3.00 a year for the monthly newsletter.

Charles Brintlinger, 743 Meadow Lane, Barrington, Ill. 60010, has the first 38 issues of WRESTLING REVUE, Fall, 1959 to October 1966 in good condition, plus some of the photo albums, available complete for $50.00.

Danny Schelberg, 124 Neptune Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235, sent his first issue of IN THIS CORNER, complete with 5x7 B&W photo on the cover. Dues are $3.50 a year with five 8x10's or $4.50 a year with 10 8x10's.

Dave Burzynski & Allan Cooper continue with a fine publication, called THE MICHIGAN SCENE. Dues are $2.00 a year or 35 cents for a sample copy. Send your green to Dave at 8294 Plympia, Detroit, Mich. 48213.

Received the first bulletin from the BILLY ROBINSON FAN CLUB, and also thanks to Diana Carter, president, for sending an honorary membership card. Dues are $2.00 a year, bulletins are quarterly, and color photo. Write to Diana at 725 State St., Union Grove, Wisconsin. 53182.

Newspapers, two of the best, well done, informative, anf highly recommended by me, are the RINGSIDE REPORTER, Susan Harman, Editor, P.O. Box 324, Eugene, Ore. 97401. $2.50 a year for the monthly paper or try a sample for only 25 cents. The other being LONE STAR WRESTLING by Action Sports Publishing Corp., Ken Taylor, Editor, P.O. Box 1567, Irving Tex. 75060, and a sample copy is 50 cents or 12 monthly issues for $5.00.

Received a signed permission slip from Lizabeth Conway, for a club for DON MURACO, a young grappler who has taken the AWA area by storm. Dues are $2.50 a year for 8x10 color photo, wallet photo, membership card and quarterly newsletter. So send your money to Miss Conway at 1579 South 72nd St., West Allis, Wis. 53214.

Don Alvarz, President of ALL STAR WRESTLING NEWS, P.O. Box 1024, Los Altos, Calif. 94022, advises the club is selling advertising for their 30-50 page special issue, so write for complete details.

Received the current issue of the FAIRFIELD COUNTY WRESTLING NEWS from Charles Kruzshak, 91 Georgetown Rd., Weston, Conn. 06880, which had 12 pages and cover, for 30 cents, and is published in July, August and December.

Barbra True, 721 N. Blair, Belton, Tex. 76513, would like to hear from fans of FRITZ VON ERICH, DEAN HO, WAHOO MCDANIEL, GEORGE SCOTT & THUNDERBOLT PATTERSON.

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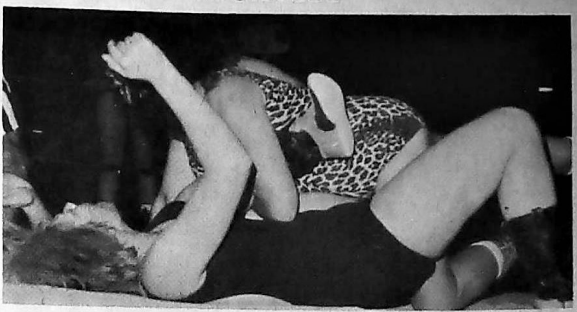
# MOOLAH SHOWS HOW IT S DONE -- ONCE AGAIN

By RANDY POWELL

Paula Kaye and Sandy Green before their handicap match with The Fabulous Moolah.



Moolah pins Paula Kaye to the mat for the three count that made the veteran champion the winner of the match.

No matter what your shape or size, where you come from, or where you may be going, the Fabulous Moolah will show you how it's done. Even if you don't want to be shown, she will show you at times. Moolah's many years of experience in the square circle have given her command of most every hold and wrestling technique.

Some of the younger girl wrestlers are trying to carry off her title. However, the efforts of practically all of these so-called "amateurs" (according to Moolah) may as well go in the waste basket. She can take on most women and win, which proves she knows what she is doing.

Sandy Greene and Paula Kaye, both relatively new to the ring, got a sampling of what the champ can do. Sandy Greene needed more than her good looks and height to beat Moolah. She did her best but to no avail. Moolah showed no pity in her pressure holds.

Paul Kaye got the same. No hold could get Moolah's shoulders to the mat. Moolah was not tired when the match was over and no one could make her submit.

Although Moolah has been known to lose her tamper and use some not-so-scientific holds and tactics, she never loses her confidence, or her ability to win.

Above: Moolah slams Sandy Green into the turnbuckle. Below: Paula Kaye screams in pain as Moolah applies the pressure.

The beautiful Sandy Green approached the ring with confidence.

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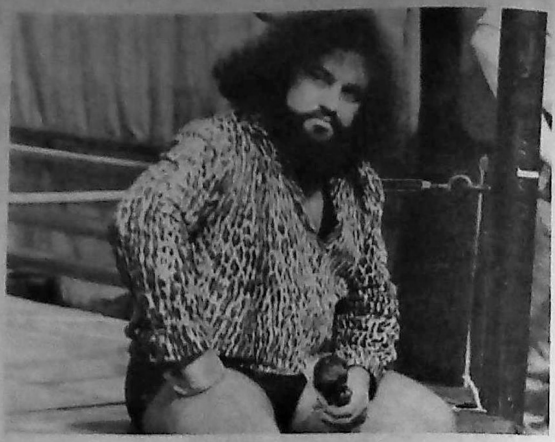

Firpo relaxes sitting on the edge of the ring before one of the matches with his friend.

## PAMPERO FIRPO

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travels across the U.S., Firpo has captured scores of regional titles, but he has never been able to capture any of the big titles.

On the west coast, Firpo's battles with Ray Stevens will always be remembered as the best brawls ever fought in the Bay City area. The Detroit and Toronto area also has its share of memorable Firpo matches. Wherever he appears, fans don't forget the Great One to easily.

Recently Pampero Firpo has been making appearances in New York's Madison Square Garden, in the heart of the W.W.W.F. territory, with the intention of capturing the title held by Pedro Morales. "He holds that championship because he has not yet to face me, the Great Pampero Firpo.

Did he ever wrestle Pampero Firpo? Well, let me give you a tip, he did, a few years back. Do you know how I used him in the ring? As a human rag. I was shining my shoes with his body. Do you know what the people were screaming? "It's enough, leave him alone! Can't you see, he can hardly breathr!"

A hearty laugh and Firpo smacked his lips, "Well I saw on that floor a big mass of red fluid, BLOOD! it tastes good, Oh yeah!"

"That Puerto Rican, when he was carried out on a stretcher, his eyes were popping out like hard boiled eggs. Do you know the only thing that he was saying in his dressing roon? "Ah, mama mia, this senior Firpo is like a human tank, Ah mama mia, please no more, Mr. Firpo!"

"The following day he came to my place and he said "Senior Firpo, can I please have the pleasure of being your valet? I could carry your suitcase all over. Its an honor for me. In fact, after last night's beating, I don't know if I will go on in wrestling."

After relating this incident, Firpo stated, "That was a few years ago and I will get him again. I know his customs and I know his language and I am far superior to him mentally and physically. I will give you a message for him: Pedro Morales, go back to your native country without the belt. This, what I am giving you is advice, not a threat because it is the only way that you can go back without any physical injury. If you don't want to listen to this advice, I will send you back without the belt and in a pine box. Do you understand?"

Pampero Firpo, the "Wild Bull of the Pampas," is determined to strip Pedro Morales of his title and capture the W.W.W.F. championship.

However, it is not only Pedro Morales that the Wild Man is after, it is the whole human race.

"Kill, Murder, Destroy. This is my ambition. I will defeat everyone, one by one. The Great Pampero is the king of the sport of wrestling. Oh yeah!"

# PROFILE ON BEAUREGARDE

By LINDA SCHNACKENBERG

## *The Sensation Of The Pacific Northwest*

Beauregarde, the one-time hated grappler, is now liked by all.

Beau was born in Lima, Ohio, on April 29, 1944. His French name "Beauregarde" which means 'fair or handsome' was given to him by Ripper Collins when they were a tag team back in 1965. Beau's principal hobbies are poetry, writing, pool, song writing, and girls. With Beau's love of color and the latest in clothing styles, he wears anything from psycheledic flowers to stripes and polka dots. He was and still is the flashiest wrestler in Portland, Oregon.

Beau got started as a wrestler at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, where he wrestled as an amateur. He broke into pro wrestling with the help of his friend, Dean Higuchi. Beau, who loves music and is a very talented performer, has made records and given many concerts. He has also made many appearances in night clubs. Beau got into making records through a friend of his at the Park Haviland, otherwise known to wrestlers as 'Top of the Park.' His latest single, which is now out, is called 'Testify' and the group which backs him up is called 'The Phantoms.' His records are produced by Vic Harris.

Beau has had various tag team partners such as Ripper Collins, Rip Kirby, Lonnie Mayne, Chuck Karbo, The Claw and many others.

The breakup of the partnership between Beauregarde and The Claw came the night of the Pacific Northwest Tag Team Championship match. The holders of the belts were then the Japanese tandem of Haru Sasaki and The Great Fuji. They were risking their belts against Beauregarde and The Claw.

In the third fall, Fuji had Beau bleeding profusely from a deep cut in his forehead. Beau finally made it to his corner for the tag, but The Claw turned his back and refused when Beau needed help. This is what started the hatred between Beauregarde and The Claw.

After Beau and The Claw broke up Claw got a new manager (Dutch Savage) and they are both hated by the people of the Pacific Northwest.

Beau is now cheered by many fans who used to hate him before he became their favorite.

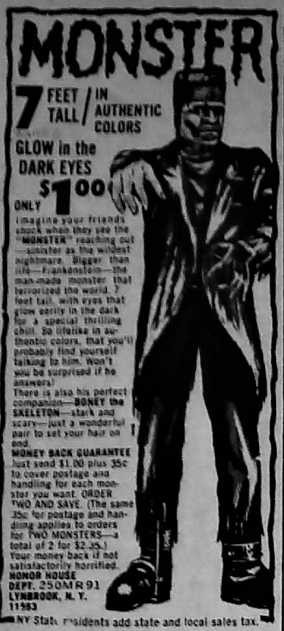
Two who have not joined the army of Beauregarde fans are Haru Sasaki and The Great Fuji.

Frank Bonema, the Portland television announcer, interviews Beauregarde.

Since Beau has become a well-liked wrestler, he has shown more skill in his profession.

Before Beau became the popular wrestler he is today, he used to use unethical tactics to win recognition. He used many tricks which were not in the rule book. One of his favorites was throwing his thumb in his rival's throat. This would leave his opponet groggy and easy prey for the pin.

The cries from the fans were once against him, but now they reflect his great popularity.



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everyone, and there are faults in ours, we are sure.

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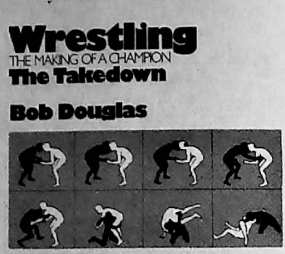
By NORMAN H. KIETZER




**WRESTLING – THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION: THE TAKEDOWN**
**165 pages, $8.95; Cornell University Press. By Bob Douglas**

*In amateur wrestling the takedown is probably the most important maneuver and the one thing that results in more points and more victories than anything else. Former world amateur champion Bob Douglas has written a textbook that surpasses anything ever produced on this one all-important aspect of amateur competition. This book is so complete that even a seasoned Olympic wrestler will learn new things from it and yet it is so basic and clearly written that a youngster just starting out in amateur wrestling will find it of great value.*

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*Many of our readers write and ask how they can become professional wrestlers. We alway tell them that first they must get a strong background in amateur wrestling in their junior high, high school, and collegiate programs. We go on to say that the value of amateur wrestling in itself is well worth the participation of everyone. And now we say that this is THE textbook that all amateur wrestling programs should use.*

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# PROFILE ON KING KROW

## *The United National Champion*

By JEFF WALTON

Danny Krow called Vancouver, B.C., Canada, his home. He grew up in a small town outside of Vancouver. Being a rugged child he developed both his mind and body. During high school he played football and wrestled on the varsity team. Attending college for two years, Danny drifted more and more into wrestling.

One day during a wrestling meet Sandor Kovacs, famed Canadian professional wrestling promoter, spied Krow and liked what he saw. He asked the young man how he'd like to wrestle professionally. Krow agreed to come down to Kovacs' gym and give it a try.

It took nine months before Krow turned professional. In his first match he was pitted against none other than Gene Kiniski, former World Heavyweight Champion. Needless to say, Krow was sent flying from pillar to post. Kiniski dislocated Dan's shoulder. After six months of getting his shoulder back in shape Krow returned to wrestling to try again. This time he met Soldat Gorky, who gave Krow a brutal beating. At this point Kovacs suggested Krow give up wrestling. But Dan was now determined to stick with it.

In May of 1970 Dan met the late Jerry London and got his first win in only eight minutes. The next week he was signed to meet Mad Dog Vachon, one of the roughest men in wrestling. This would be the test. To everybody's surprise, Dan beat Vachon in 17 a feat Mad Dog would like to forget.

In October, of 1971, after completing a very successful tour of Canada, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, Dan went home to Vancouver. He had heard that Kovacs was holding a tournament to find a new United National Wrestling Champion, a title taken from Antonio Inoki for lack of defenses.

When the dust settled it was Shag Thomas and Dan Krow in the finals. The winner would recieve the U.N.W. title and belt. For the first 10 minutes it was a scientific affair. But then something snapped inside of Krow. He began to kick and stomp at Thomas. After 20 minutes of brutal action Dan Krow pinned a badly beaten Shag Thomas and was declared the new United National Wrestling Champion by N.W.A. President Sam Muchnick.

It seems Krow was just plain tired of being a nice guy and decided that if he was to win the title he'd be as rough as the men who had dished out the rough stuff to him in the past.

Krow took the title and headed for greener pastures. He came to Southern California and to this day he has remained undefeated in single matches. Nobody calls him Dan anymore. He wants to be called "King" Krow and roars like a rooster whenever he can.

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to handcuff me to some hillbilly famer boy, Moose Cholak, and still my boys won. They tried to get me into the ring, and being the great wrestler I also am, as well as a great manager, we come out victorious. And yet they beg their friends like Wilbur Snyder to be the referee, to stop us from using dirty tactics. Well for one, we abide by the rules, and never use foul tactics. And they want some California crook to try to cheat his way into giving them the title. Well, Bruiser and Thomas, it just didn't work. We are great and you just don't want to admit it.

Occasionally, I let my boys go into single matches across the country They are undefeated as singles, and as a tag team. When is wrestling going to come up with some worthy opponets for us? Id it ain't going to be soon, we may just have to pack our bags, and leave the country.

I manage only the top caliber of wrestler. I remember back in 1963 when I first put together the Assassins, my first proteges. They were an unbelievable cimbo until I decided to go into bigger and better things. I found Lanza, moulded him into a he-man, took Mulligan from the filthy hands of the Grand Wizard who nearly ruined a great wrestler, and look where I stand today. With my beautiful body, I have become an undefeated established wrestler, and with my incomcarable gift of knowlege, I have become the undisputed greatest manager in all of wrestling.

I have always been a man of great

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talent. Back in my teen days, all the boys on my bolck were jealous because I had the fancy cars, and the beautiful girls because I was (and am) so lovely. And I always loved to outsmart people with my gifted brains. And I loved to injure people, which made me turm my career to the wrestling game. But I haven't yet reached my high point. My boys are the champions, but still haven't had any great experience. And the way we are going, we may never reach it. Our goal is to win every possible title, and to become the richest and most powerful person in the world. But it is all a matter of time, when I, along with Lanza and Mulligan, conquer the whole wrestling world.

So whenever your local promoter starts opening up his pocketbook, and finally we agree to give you people the golden opportunity of visually witnessing our fabulous talent in your local arena, be sure to buy a ringside seat, as close as you can get, bring your little cameras, and make sure you don't miss a single piece of our great beauty in action. And as you know, my boys rank as number one in the world, as I, Mr. Superstar. Mr. Class, Pretty Boy Bobby Heenan, rank with Julius Ceasar, Neil Armstrong, George Washington, Rudolf Valentine, Enrico Caruso, Don Juan, and all the others, as the greatest, most beautiful manager in the whole world. And if you people are lucky enough, someday I will give you the pleasure of reading another chapter from my golden scripture.

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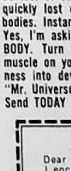

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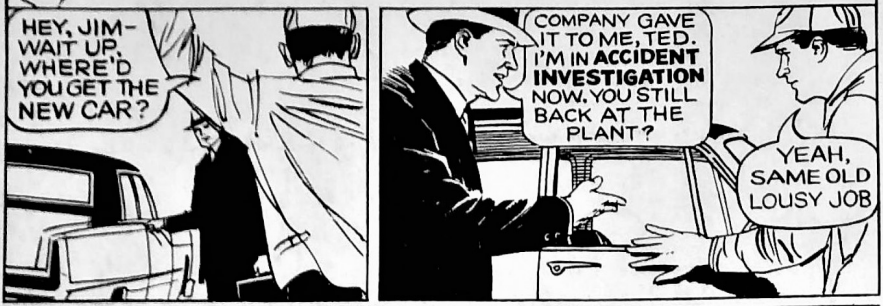

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